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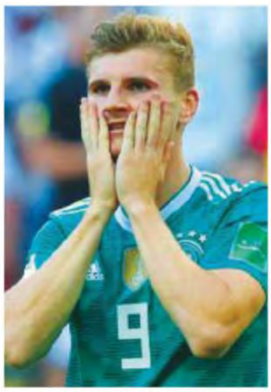

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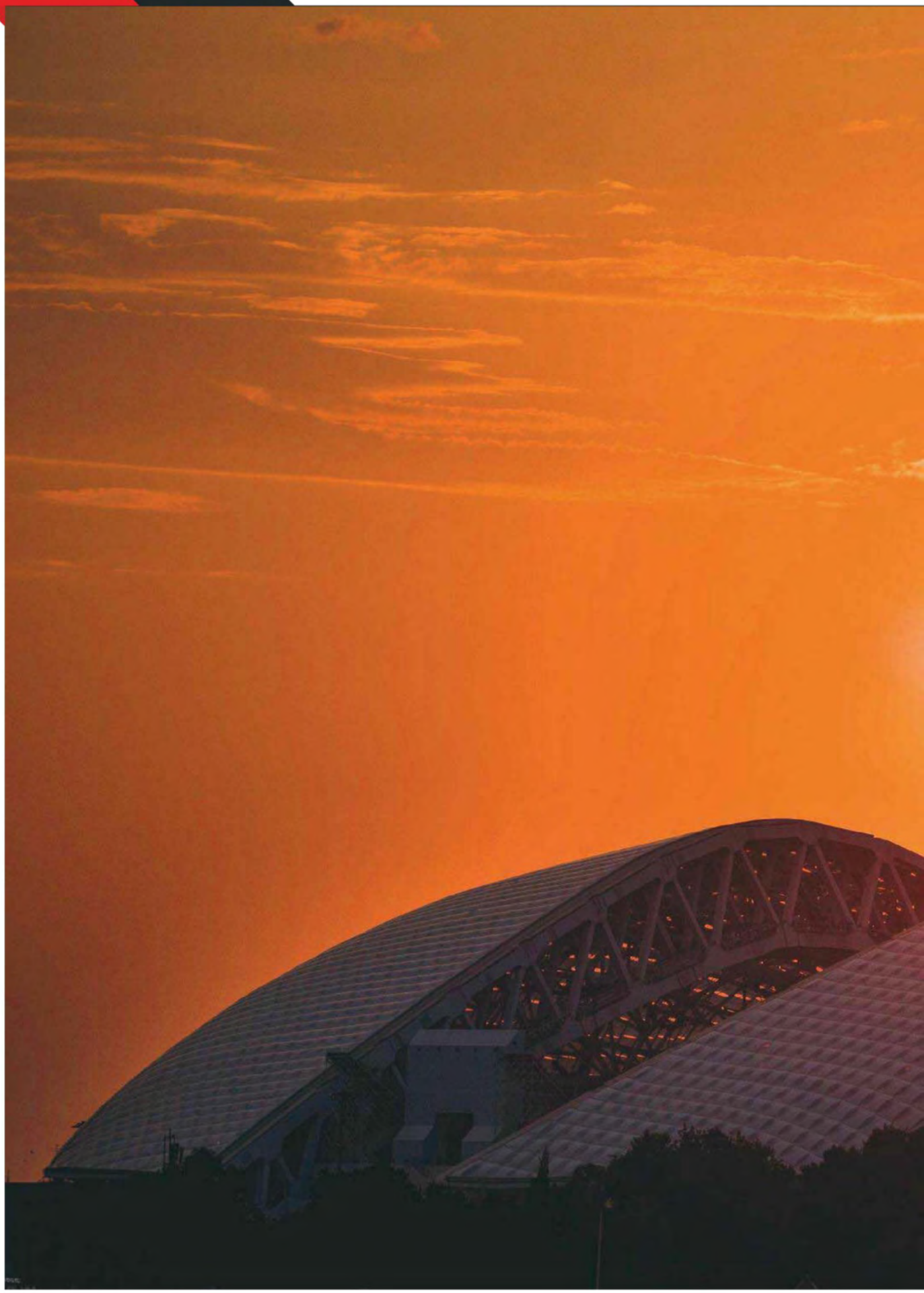

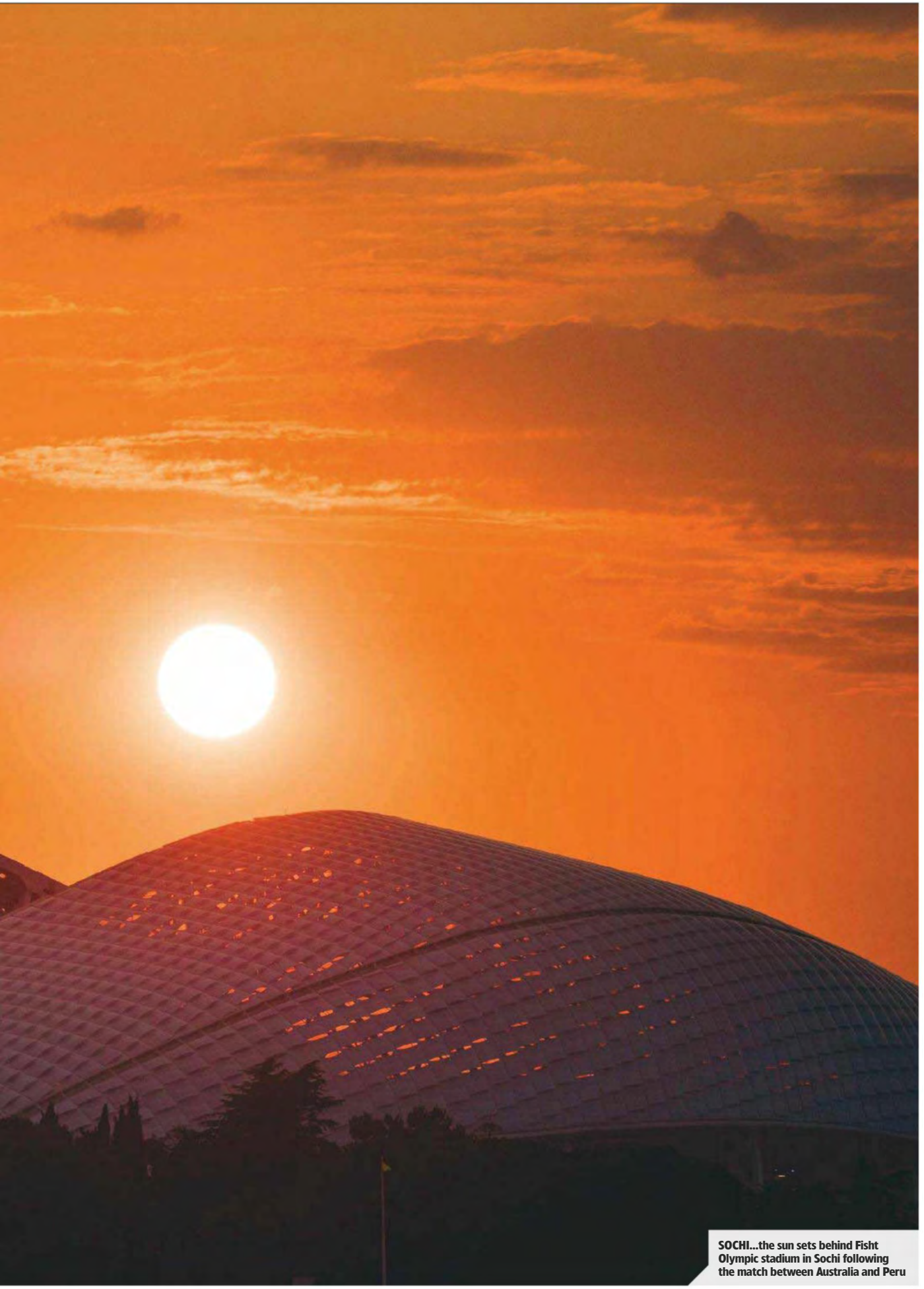

SOCHI...the sun sets behind Fisht Olympic stadium in Sochi following the match between Australia and Peru

MOSCOW...manager Gareth Southgate celebrates after England's penalty shoot-out victory over Colombia

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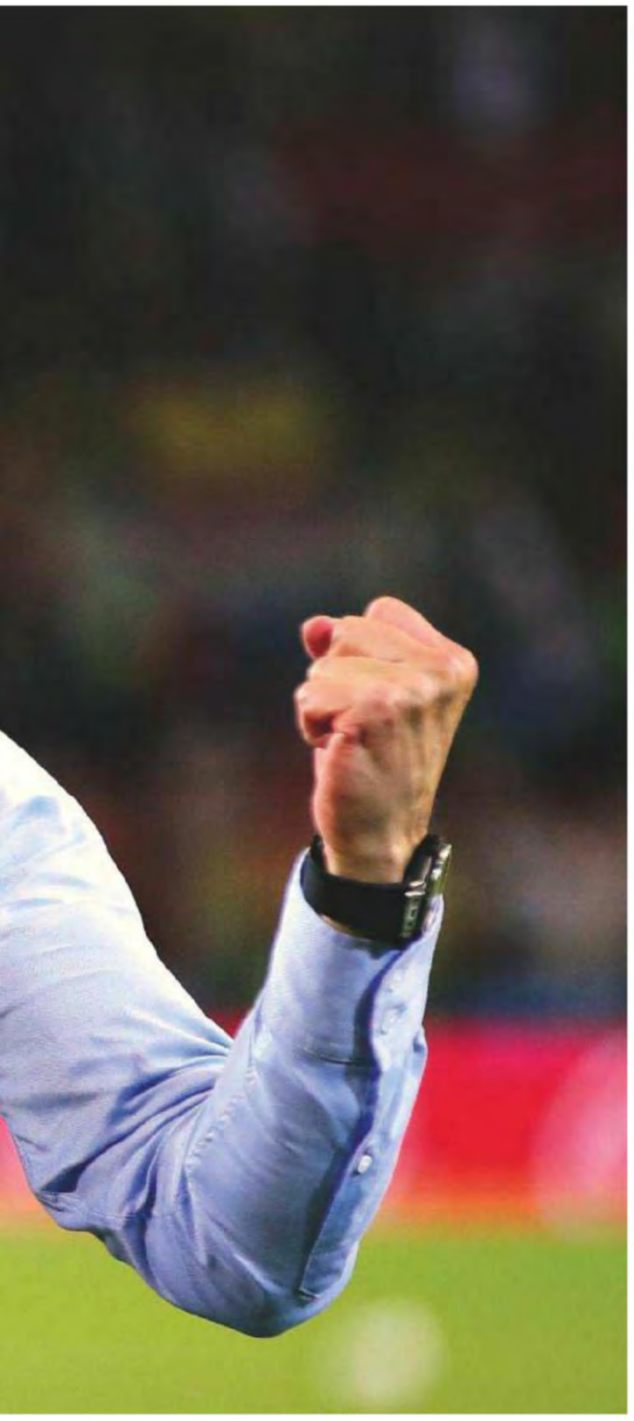
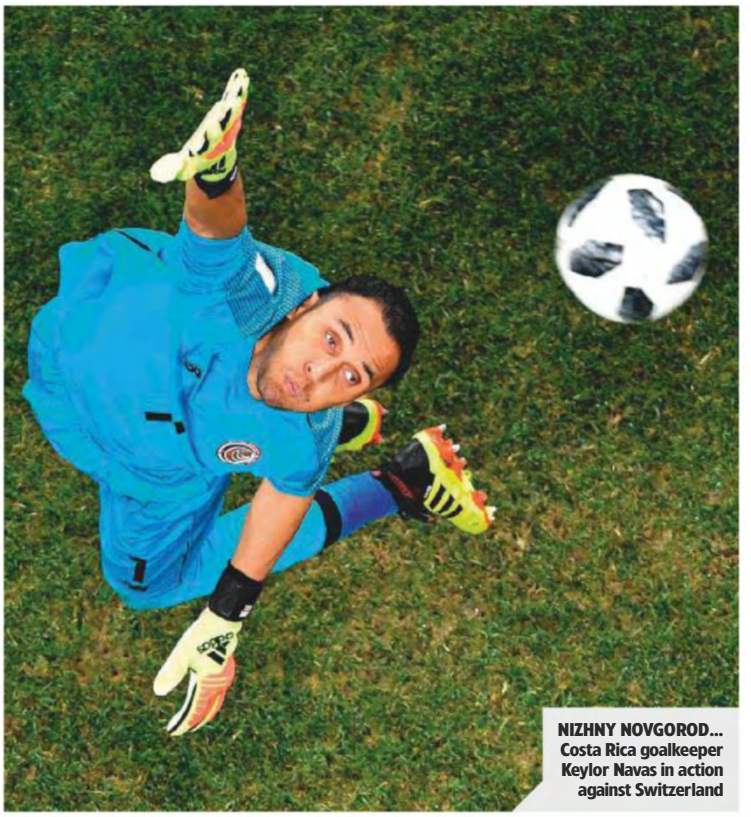
KAZAN...Australia's Andrew Nabbout (left) challenges Samuel Umtiti of France





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SAMARA... Neymar celebrates scoring for Brazil against Mexico

VOLGOGRAD...this Russian follower made a big impression

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WORLD CUP 2018

France reach the summit again

A shower of golden ticker tape cascaded down on France's rain-soaked players as they celebrated winning the World Cup for a second time in one of the most memorable Finals of the modern era. Minutes earlier, as the players queued up to receive the trophy, the heavens had opened, soaking the FIFA dignitaries and adding to the chaos of an already frenetic night in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium.

It was a frantic finale to a hugely eventful tournament. Thirty-two days packed with incident and drama, shocks and surprises. France were the last men standing but they fully deserved their victory, having overcome a Croatia side that had finally been undone by fatigue after an exhausting journey to the Final.

It was a Final that had everything: great goals, own goals, thunderstorms and even a pitch invasion from punk band Pussy Riot, protesting at the repressive regime of Russian president Vladmir Putin.

Croatia were left nursing a sense of injustice when, having brought the game level at 1-1 after half an hour, they conceded a penalty to a controversial refereeing decision. By the letter of the law, Ivan Perisic had handled the ball at a corner, but referee Nestor Pitana took an age to assess the images on the pitchside VAR monitor.

The game had been evenly matched until then, but Croatia were visibly affected by a decision which resulted in Antoine Griezmann's penalty giving France a lead they never surrendered.

Croatia, having staged a remarkable comeback in all three of their earlier

knockout games en route to the Final, tried to rally themselves, but then their energies evaporated. Goals in quick succession from Kylian Mbappe and Paul Pogba cemented France's impregnable lead. Although Hugo Lloris gave Croatia hope with a goalkeeping howler that brought the deficit back to two goals, Croatia could not find the energy to challenge in the remaining minutes.

Victory for France's young team was also a triumph for the game's established order. Croatia would have been a ninth name to add to the pantheon of World Cup winners, a team achieving success despite the chaos of the domestic game, where financial constraints force the regular sale of players to overseas clubs.

Instead, France's victory, with their players developed in Ligue 1 academies and the national football centre at Clairefontaine, was a triumph for structured football development.

Throughout the tournament, starting with a controversial penalty against Australia, Didier Deschamps' men did just enough to overcome their opponents. They got results as Germany, Portugal, Spain and Brazil fell by the wayside.

Set-pieces were key against Uruguay in the quarter-finals, when a goalkeeping mistake confirmed their victory, while Samuel Umtiti's header from a corner saw off Belgium in a tense but high-quality semi-final.

> Throughout the tournament Didier Deschamps' men did just enough to overcome their opponents

The one match when France did cut loose was against Argentina, when the brilliance of Mbappe tore the South American defence to shreds – even if the 4-3 scoreline did suggest Argentina had made a game of it.

It took Deschamps time to get his tactics right. He started with Griezmann in the central striker role, flanked by Mbappe and Ousmane Dembele, and then played him in front of a three-man midfield, before settling on the more physically imposing Olivier Giroud as the lone centre-forward, with Mbappe and Griezmann on either side.

While not quite pure set-piece specialists in the style of England, Deschamps made France desperately hard to beat. The chastening experience of losing to an unexceptional Portugal side two years ago on home soil prompted the coach to make bold changes. Fourteen of the squad from Euro 2016 did not make it to Russia. Those that were brought in were younger, more streetwise and more capable of adapting to the coach's way of thinking.

And so France won their second World Cup and Deschamps became only the third man to win the World Cup as a player and a coach. He had been the heartbeat of the team that sparked wild celebrations across France 20 years ago. This time, his name was sung by the players in their post-match dressing-room party and by the thousands who took to the streets back in France.

Historic...Didier Deschamps has won the World Cup as a player and now as a coach

There are many other parallels with 1998. There was the teenage striker from Monaco (Thierry Henry/Mbappe); the workaholic "water carrier" (Deschamps/ N'Golo Kante); the striker who failed to score, or even have a shot on target (Stephane Guivarc'h/ Giroud) and the goalscoring full-back (Lilian Thuram/Benjamin Pavard).

And while the 2018 winners did not have anybody of the class of Zinedine Zidane, they did have Paul Pogba and Griezmann, two players who, when it mattered most, rose to the occasion in majestic fashion.

It had all begun 32 days earlier in the same stadium, when a Russia team – beset by injuries and unsure of itself after a string of poor friendly results in the build-up – took to the pitch against Saudi Arabia, arguably the weakest team ever to contest the opening match.

With Gianni Infantino and Putin watching from the VIP seats, Russia lost their best player, Alan Dzagoev, to injury early on. But five goals, including two for substitute Denis Cheryshev, ignited their campaign and provided an energising boost for the home fans.

The following day, a thrilling 3-3 draw between Spain and Portugal in Sochi further set the tone for attacking football in the group stage.

Any suggestion that the tournament's big guns would find the group phase easy picking were quickly dispelled. France needed a contentious penalty – the first to be awarded by VAR – and a scrambled own goal confirmed by

Mistake...Mario Mandzukic (fourth in red from right) scores an own goal in the Final

Hosts...Russia joy

goal-line technology to get past Australia in their opener, while Argentina and Brazil were held to draws by Iceland and Switzerland respectively.

And in the biggest shock of the opening round of games, Germany fell to a vibrant Mexico in Moscow.

Argentina's problems were perhaps not entirely surprising given the chaotic nature of their qualifying campaign, but Germany's loss – a lethargic performance by the defending champions, who underestimated their opponents – gave a strong hint of the problems to come.

The African challenge got off to a poor start. All three North African teams conceded late goals after switching off in the final minutes of their opening games, Morocco conceding an own goal to Iran in the final seconds of stoppage time. Nigeria did little to threaten Croatia in their first game and only Senegal, beating a disappointing Poland, suggested there might be an African presence in the knockout stage.

The Asian teams started a little better, with Iran snatching that late win over Morocco to give themselves a chance of the last 16 and Japan taking advantage of a foolish third-minute handball by Carlos Sanchez to see off Colombia.

The Colombians, like the other South American sides, were backed by thousands of fans, who travelled in greater numbers than their European counterparts. That was partly because they didn't need visas – a requirement which deterred many Europeans – but there were other factors, too. The World Cup reunited many strands of their respective diasporas, from North America and Europe and even further afield. The less wealthy sold cars and houses to fund trips and stayed for the duration of the tournament, in contrast to wealthy European fans, who often flew in and out of venues within 24 hours.

Peruvians, determined to see their team play their first World Cup in 36 years, travelled in particularly large numbers. They saw their side play some terrific football and had Christian Cueva converted his penalty against Denmark in their opening game they may well have gone on to grace the knockout stage.

Morocco were another team whose performances deserved better but they lost their second game – to another Cristiano Ronaldo goal – to become the first team to be eliminated. They were followed by Saudi Arabia, edged out by Uruguay, and Peru, beaten by Mbappe's first goal of the tournament.

Colour...Colombia fans

Russia, with Cheryshev and Dzyuba at the heart of the attacks, delighted the home crowd in Saint Petersburg to beat Egypt 3-1 and become the first team to reach the knockout stage.

Meanwhile, Argentina's problems were mounting. The 3-0 loss to Croatia exposed the crisis at the heart of their campaign. Tactical confusion, strange substitutions and an awful goalkeeping error all contributed to a calamitous result that left the 2014 runners-up in danger of an early exit.

At one point, Germany looked like they were back on track following Toni Kroos'

dramatic free-kick in the dying seconds against Sweden.

Elsewhere the big guns were beginning to assert themselves.

Brazil struck late to send Costa Rica out, Spain saw off a spirited challenge from Iran, Belgium put five past Tunisia to eliminate the north Africans and England hit Panama for six to send them home.

Mexico continued to impress, reaching the round of 16 with a victory that eliminated South Korea. And Colombia, with James Rodriguez restored to the starting line-up, swept past Poland, who became the first European team to be knocked out.

Football's globalisation and the growing strength of the European club game were both factors contributing to a levelling-off between all 32 teams. Significantly, the tournament's two weakest teams, Saudi Arabia and Panama, were those with the fewest Europe-based players.

In the final round of group games, Uruguay brought Russian hopes down to earth and there was VAR controversy as Spain and Portugal did just enough to squeeze through ahead of Morocco and Iran.

Denmark and France played out a bore draw, while Peru gave their thousands of fans something to cheer about with victory over a disappointing Australia.

A brilliant Lionel Messi goal and a late Marcos Rojo winner helped Argentina rescue their campaign against Nigeria, whose captain John Obi Mikel, it was later revealed, had been informed minutes before kick-off of his father's kidnapping. He played without informing his team-mates of the news.

The next day came the biggest shock of the tournament. Germany, with complacency never far away, fell to already eliminated South Korea. The nadir came in the final minutes in Kazan when keeper Manuel Neuer, the embodiment of German confidence and superiority in Brazil four years ago, was caught upfield as he tried in vain to join his team-mates as they frantically searched for an equaliser.

In the group's other game, Mexico showed their vulnerability against Sweden, who surprisingly ended up on top of the pile.

The African challenge ended in controversial fashion, with Senegal and Japan unable to be separated other than by their disciplinary records. The Senegalese, with more yellow cards, lost out, leaving the round of 16 lacking any African representation.

The final group saw Belgium and England engage in a bout of shadow-boxing as they tip-toed around questions about whether or not they wanted to finish first or second. It was quickly becoming apparent that one side of the knockout draw – featuring Brazil, France, Uruguay, Portugal, Argentina and Mexico would be stronger than the other half. England manager Gareth Southgate insisted he wanted to win the game against Belgium, even if it meant joining the tougher side of the draw. But if that was the case why, when his weakened side went a goal down to the Belgians, did he not bring on his captain, the Golden Boot-chasing Harry Kane?

And so to the round of 16 – with the draw starting to skew and the big guns starting to fall. First Argentina went, gone after a seven-goal thriller with France in which Mbappe stole the show from

Costly...Senegal's Idrissa Gueye is booked

Shock...South Korea's Kim Young-gwon scores against Germany

Shoot-out...Eric Dier puts England through against Colombia

Messi. A few hours later, Portugal joined them on the way out after Uruguay's Edinson Cavani put them to sword. And the next day, Spain were out, after hosts Russia took them to penalties. At least Andres Iniesta converted his spot-kick in the shoot-out, but it was still a miserable way for the great man to end his international career.

Colombia and Mexico went too, without suggesting they were hard done by. The Mexicans fell to Brazil as the *Selecao* cranked up the gears, with Neymar, for all his infuriating play-acting, raising his game when his country needed him. Colombia will wonder what might have been had they been more positive, but their main contribution was to help England end their World Cup penalties hoodoo.

Belgium and Croatia both showed remarkable powers of recovery.

Belgium came from 2-0 down to stun Japan, who had been on the brink of a memorable victory until Belgium's second-half substitutes turned the game, while Croatia demonstrated the mental strength that would come to serve them so well in the latter stages by triumphing over Denmark on penalties, after Luka Modric had seen his spot-kick in normal time saved by Kasper Schmeichel.

Sweden claimed the final place in the last eight after grinding down Switzerland. The Swedes had not played particularly well but they could now, along with England and Croatia, see the draw opening up before them.

Into the quarter-finals and Uruguay's challenge, missing the injured Cavani, ended as France did enough but no more, helped by a goalkeeping error from the unfortunate Fernando Muslera.

But Brazil, just as they looked capable of competing for a first world crown since 2002, were taken apart by Belgium.

Russia's journey ended after an epic battle, settled by penalties, with Croatia, who again dug deep to equalise and then compose themselves for the shoot-out after handing Russia a lifeline late in extra-time.

> England reached their first semi-final for 28 years after seeing off Sweden with relative ease

England, meanwhile, reached their first semi-final for 28 years after seeing off Sweden with relative ease.

The first semi-final between Belgium and France felt like a Final in all but name, with two heavyweights engaged in a quality showdown. France again did just enough, defending diligently against a vibrant Belgium.

And just as England began to dream of the Final, they met their match

Divided...Neymar is a huge talent but he upsets fans with his theatrics

A-Z of Russia 2018

A is for ABSENTEE. Croatia's Nikola Kalinic was sent home for reportedly refusing to appear as a late sub against Nigeria.
B is for BABIES. When Jonas Knudsen's wife gave birth earlier than expected, his Denmark team-mates paid for a private jet to fly him home. And England's Fabian Delph returned home for the birth of his daughter.
C is for CASH, $38m collected in prize money by winners France, from a total pot of $400m.
D is for DIDIER DESCHAMPS, only the third man to win the World Cup as a player and then as a coach.
E is for EL HADARY, the Egypt keeper who, aged 45 years and 161 days, became the oldest player to feature at a World Cup.
F is for FIFA FINES. $70,000 for the Croatian FA for advertising non-Budweiser beer and $10,000 to Russia for racist posters.
G for GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) but will we see Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo at another World Cup?
H is for HARRYs, Maguire and Kane, England's new leaders.
I is for fan IDs, the must-have accessory for World Cup spectators.
J is for JAPAN, the team whose fans tidied up after themselves.

Superb...a volunteer

K is for KAZAN, graveyard of Germany, Argentina and Brazil.
L is for LOPETEGUI, the coach who never made it to Spain's first game.
M is for MBAPPE, who became the first teenager to score in the World Cup Final since Pele in 1958.
N is for NEYMAR, the star who neutrals turned against.
O is for OFFICIAL attendances, the FIFA stats that didn't explain the empty seats.
P is for PERUVIANS, everywhere, along with Colombians and Mexicans.
Q is for QATAR, the next stop for FIFA's travelling circus.
R is for Adil RAMI, the only French outfield player not to feature.
S is for SET-PIECES, the tournament's tactical "innovation".
T for google TRANSLATE, the essential app for surviving in Russia.
U is for UNFEASIBLY loud stadium music. Because FIFA doesn't trust fans to make their own entertainment.
V is VOLUNTEERS, the thousands who worked for nothing.
W is for WET dignitaries at the medal presentation. Only Putin got an umbrella.
X is for Granit XHAKA and XHERDAN Shaqiri, the Swiss stars with the politicised goal celebrations.
Y is for YEKATERINBURG, the tournament's most easterly venue.
Z is for ZIDANE, the shadow hanging over Deschamps, should he slip up.

in Croatia, who came from behind to take a game into extra-time for the third match running.

Croatia's players claimed afterwards that English arrogance – epitomised by the song, "Football's Coming Home" – drove them on when their physical powers were waning. But that would not explain their poor performance in the first half of the semi-final, when England's Harry Kane went close to adding a second and most likely crucial goal, only to be foiled by a brilliant save

> FIFA president Gianni Infantino claimed Russia 2018 as the best World Cup ever

from keeper Danijel Subasic, whose slight touch tipped Kane's shot onto a post. Ultimately, football did not come home but, for some, the song that revelled in self-deprecating humour had come back to haunt English football.

Gareth Southgate's young team had reconnected with England's supporters. As with previous long-haul tournament trips, English fans were overwhelmingly well behaved, shaming the pre-tournament warnings of hooligan clashes with Russia's hardcore gangs.

Golden Boot ...Harry Kane

Downpour...Russia president Vladimir Putin (centre) is protected

The further away from Moscow, the more the local Russians embraced the tournament, presenting an experience of their country far detached from the media cliches.

But it was hard to separate football from the politics. FIFA president Infantino claimed Russia 2018 as the best World Cup ever – on the day 12 Russian spies were charged with hacking the 2016 US presidential election.

"Russia has changed," insisted Infantino when questioned about his many photo opportunities with Putin throughout the tournament.

Yet as FIFA packs up its circus and moves onto Qatar in 2022, Putin's Russia will remain a brutal dictatorship that murders journalists and silences its critics. Football helped to paper over the cracks. For 32 days, the World Cup ruled Russia. The thousands celebrating on the streets of Paris and Marseille, in Lyon and Bordeaux, will testify to that.

Gavin Hamilton

Team of the tournament

GOALKEEPER

Danijel Subasic (Croatia)

Honorary mentions
Jordan Pickford (England)
Hugo Lloris (France)

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Raphael Varane (France)
Samuel Umtiti (France)

Honorary mentions
Toby Alderweireld (Belgium)
Yerry Mina (Colombia)
Harry Maguire (England)
Andreas Granqvist (Sweden)

FULL-BACKS

Kieran Trippier (England)
Yuto Nagatomo (Japan)

Honorary mentions
Thomas Meunier (Belgium)
Diego Laxalt (Uruguay)

CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

Luka Modric (Croatia)
N'Golo Kante (France)

Honorary mentions
Ivan Rakitic (Croatia)
Paul Pogba (France)
Marcelo Brozovic (Croatia)

Good...Nagatomo

Key...Modric

ATTACKING MIDFIELDERS

Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium)
Philippe Coutinho (Brazil)
Ivan Perisic (Croatia)

Honorary mentions
Eden Hazard (Belgium)
Denis Cheryshev (Russia)
Christian Eriksen (Denmark)
Hirving Lozano (Mexico)

CENTRE-FORWARD

Kylian Mbappe (France)

Honorary mentions
Harry Kane (England)
Romelu Lukaku (Belgium)
Antoine Griezmann (France)
Mario Mandzukic (Croatia)

GOALS we'd like to see again

1 DENYS CHERYSHEV
Russia v Saudi Arabia
A fine strike with the outside of his boot, from the corner of the penalty area, in the opening game.

2 CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN
Denmark v Australia
Nicolas Jorgensen flicks the ball into the path of an on-running Eriksen, who hits a volley past Mat Ryan.

3 AHMED MUSA
Nigeria v Iceland
Meets a right-wing cross from Victor Moses and cushions the ball on his instep before volleying home into the centre of the goal.

4 LIONEL MESSI
Argentina v Nigeria
From a long ball that drops over his shoulder, he takes a brilliant touch to control the ball and then take it past the defender before beating the keeper with his right foot.

5 BENJAMIN PAVARD
France v Argentina
As the ball comes across the box from the left-hand side, the full-back crashes home a fantastic right-foot volley from fully 25 yards that spins into the far corner.

6 NACER CHADLI
Belgium v Japan
A fast flowing counter-attack in the final minute sees Romelu Lukaku sell an audacious dummy for Chadli to convert a Thomas Meunier pass.

Keir RADNEDGE

THE INSIDER

Russia delivers a finals to remember

Partners...Gianni Infantino (left) and Vladimir Putin in Moscow's Red Square

As much as possible in a world of human fallibility, a World Cup approached through a dark cloud of derision and suspicion proved a success for the Russian organisers, for embattled FIFA and, above all, for the game itself.

The World Cup can no longer claim to represent football's highest standard – the Champions League knockout stage overthrew those pretensions long ago – but the 2018 finals presented entertainment, excitement and drama at a relentless pace, both in the group stage and in the knockout rounds.

Maybe the finals produced no great team and no event-seizing individual but there was a cascading cast of personalities to enliven proceedings, from the emergent Kylian Mbappe to the tormented Neymar and the understated Gareth Southgate.

Then there was Vladimir Putin. The Russian president is not a football fan and after fulfilling diplomatic courtesies at the opening match he was not seen again at any of Russia's games. And yet his shadow hung over the event through its staging.

Soon after coming into power Putin had recognised the value of sport as a way of "humanising" the international image of a country once described by Winston Churchill as a "riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma".

Hence the project created with then-sports minister Vitaly Mutko which meant staging the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, a Formula One Grand Prix and a host of other international championships, with the World Cup set to be the crowning glory. Except it did not work out quite like that.

For a long time Russia escaped scrutiny, but as the finals hove into view so did the issues of critical vulnerability. Some were political, such as the annexation of Crimea and eastern Ukraine, along with support for President Assad in the bloody war in Syria. This provoked international sanctions and a fall in the value of the rouble, which meant cost-cutting and the first reports of stadium construction corruption.

Other issues were sporting. Apart from the World Cup awards scandal came the revelations of an extensive doping and cover-up programme developed after poor Russian results at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The mix of political and sporting controversy proved toxic, but the World Cup contracts had been signed and sealed. For FIFA, even had it so wished, there was no going back.

Amid all the anti-Russian paranoia, the nation's organisational competence was never in question. Thus Russia ultimately delivered the most efficiently organised World Cup since Germany in 2006, making South Africa 2010 and Brazil 2014 look tacky by comparison.

For FIFA these finals proved a godsend, although the scandal-riven world federation is not out of the woods yet. It has, in Gianni Infantino, a president whose egotistical style of leadership has aroused doubts among even those who thought him a wise choice two years ago. But FIFA's administration worked hard and effectively to enable the tournament's success as both a sporting event and from a footballing perspective.

Sensible... Russia coach Stanislav Cherchesov with Artem Dzyuba

The most notable progress was the introduction of video assistance for referees. The number of penalties doubled compared with 2010 and 2014, and a host of mistaken decisions were corrected.

In the group stage some 335 incidents were checked by VAR,

including all 122 goals – which led to 14 decisions being reversed and six penalty awards changed, one from a free-kick to a penalty plus two penalty awards by the referee being reversed after a monitor review.

According to Pierluigi Collina, the committee chairman of the refereeing department, 95 per cent of the referees' own decisions were correct, a "perfection rate" improved to 99.3 by the use of VAR. As Collina said: "Before the competition we said VAR does not mean perfection, there could be some wrong interpretation or mistake, but 99.3 per cent is very close to perfection."

The average time for a VAR review was 80 seconds, which answered pre-finals concerns about time lost. Refs added time for video reviews, unlike with standard match interruptions such as free-kicks and throw-ins. Observers who feared FIFA was rushing ahead of itself here have been proved wrong.

Fair play was generally well served though some aspects – such as play-acting and mobbing of referees – appeared to have been overlooked by comparison with the investment of time and preparation into VAR.

The most that can be said is that the willingness of the majority of players and coaches to embrace this brave new world contributed immeasurably to one of the more entertaining World Cups of the past 20 years. The expansion of the number of teams over the past four decades had lowered the quality quotient but now the balance was righted by the people who matter most: the players.

Few individual games from South Africa and Brazil stand out in the memory but the finals produced a stream of dramatics, from the hosts' opening five-goal thrashing of Saudi Arabia to Iceland's defiance of Lionel Messi and the 3-3 draw between Spain and Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal.

The knockout stage rose above the nerve-scattered cautious stalemates of recent World Cups to throw up Belgium's remarkable comeback against Japan, France's dismissal of Argentina and Harry Kane's young England reaching the last four.

Help...Paraguayan referee Enrique Caceres gestures for VAR

Germany's defence of their crown was exploded in an opening defeat by Mexico. A late winning comeback against Sweden could not disguise the poor tactical and mental preparation which was ultimately laid bare by South Korea. For the first time since 1938 – they were absent in 1950 – the Germans failed to progress beyond the first round.

Argentina were clueless in tactics and team selection, while Brazil committed tactical suicide against Belgium. Coach Tite had worked well and hard to organise the five-times world champions over the past two years but he has much to improve, assuming he stays in the post.

Neymar is a wonderful talent, play-acting aside, but needs to be pushed if he is to emulate the feats of Messi and Ronaldo. The vacancy at the top of the world game is there, if the Brazilian wishes to ascend.

Messi and Ronaldo are past their great peaks and have taken their final bows on the World Cup stage. But not winning the World Cup does not tarnish their status in the pantheon of the game. Alfredo Di Stefano did not win the World Cup, nor did Stanley Matthews, Johan Cruyff, George Best or Ferenc Puskas. The additional burden on Messi was the unfair expectation that he should emulate Diego Maradona. The latter turned up at the World Cup under the status of FIFA ambassador though a more boorishly-behaved one would be hard to imagine.

If South America's representation disappointed – no team in the last four for only the second time since 1982 – that was nothing compared with the Africa and Asian failings.

African sides continue to disappoint. None of their five representatives made it out of the group stage for the first time since 1982. As for Asia, only Japan progressed. Their only consolation was having contributed, with naivety in their second round dismissal by Belgium, to one of the most memorable of matches.

At least hosts Russia, to their own surprise, made it as far as the quarter-finals before succumbing on penalties to Croatia.

Coach Stanislav Cherchesov showed a high degree of practical common sense in his work. A key element was persuading 38-year-old centre-back Sergei Ignashevich, at only a few weeks' notice, to come out of retirement to anchor the defence. Cherchesov's further rewards were to see goalkeeper and captain Igor Akinfeev recover his best form and Denis Cheryshev suddenly find the route to goal.

> Russia delivered the most efficiently organised World Cup since Germany in 2006, making South Africa 2010 and Brazil 2014 look tacky by comparison

A World Cup always needs a reasonably successful host team to keep the local enthusiasm alive and Russia, in defiance of the gloomy expectations of media and fans, managed just this. That will be a significant challenge for the Qataris in four years' time but it is a lesson they need to heed. They have just as many hurdles to overcome as did Russia...if not more. WS

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Miss...Harry Kane has a chance against Croatia

Brave England surpassed themselves in Russia

In the event, it has to be said that England surpassed themselves in Russia, maintaining a brave challenge while other more fancied teams fell by the wayside: Germany, in the most embarrassing manner; Brazil who, even if they avoided anything like the humiliation of Belo Horizonte and Germany in the previous World Cup, were never the power of bygone times; Spain fell early; Portugal, even with Cristiano Ronaldo, made scant progress; and Italy were not even there.

For a gloriously deluding first half it did look as if England could defeat Croatia. They scored that magnificent early goal through Kieran Trippier's sublime free-kick, which is something he has so seldom done in the past. They largely bettered a Croatia team that looked predictably weary after playing extra time their previous two games. Harry Kane, not at his sharpest and perhaps not even at his fittest, had an excellent chance to make it 2-0 at which point I believe England would have gone on to win.

But Kane missed and England went out. Instead of looking still more tired in the second half, Croatia suddenly, vigorously and impressively came to life.

The simple fact of the matter is that they are a much more talented team than England, who do not have a Luka Modric, that gifted little conjurer in midfield who became more and more of a dominant figure as the game went on.

Dominant... Luka Modric

Gareth Southgate, alas, did not have a creative midfielder to touch Modric

Gareth Southgate, alas, did not have a creative midfielder to touch Modric, arguably the best player on the field. Curiously a TV summariser twice evoked the name of Ruben Loftus-Cheek as if he had been playing, though of course he never did. I strongly felt that he should, as the nearest England had to a creative midfielder capable of creating a surprise.

In that second half Croatia awoke and simply had too much class in attack for England. Yet if only that splendid header by John Stones had gone home as it deserved to, would Croatia still have risen so powerfully from the canvas in the second half? Modric or no Modric...

Are Germany going the Hungarian way?

Embarrassed... Germany keeper Manuel Neuer is caught out upfield against South Korea

Walter Winterbottom, an interesting theorist about the game but hardly a very practical tactical manager of England, once said to me that great football teams depended essentially on having a clutch of great players, implying that you never could quite know when they might be coming through.

This was essentially true of the dazzling Hungary team which smashed England's long unbeaten home record against visiting foreign sides with a devastating 6-3 victory in November 1953. The following May, in Budapest, they improved on that to the tune of 7-1.

With such stars as Ferenc Puskas, Sandor Kocsis and Nandor Hidegkuti, they were red-hot favourites to win the ensuing World Cup in Switzerland, but then lost 3-2 to West Germany in the Final after leading by a couple of goals.

Puskas should not have played in that game. Kicked in an earlier match by Werner Liebrich, the West German centre-half, he was absent until the Final itself, when as the commanding figure in the group he virtually talked his way into the team and never looked fully fit.

By the time it came to the next World Cup, in Sweden, the team had degenerated, partly because Kocsis and Zoltan Czibor, two attacking stars, had defected to play abroad, and Hungary would never be so dominant again.

By the same token, we have just seen the demise of a German team, the actual World Cup holders, who began by losing to the largely unfancied Mexico, who outplayed them in the first half. After somehow managing to beat Sweden by the odd goal, even though they were reduced to 10 men, Germany were then embarrassed by a supposedly lesser team, South Korea – who rubbed abundant salt into the wound when, with the Germans throwing their goalkeeper desperately up field, they sent a player all alone through a deserted midfield to put the ball into an empty net.

Excellent... Jordan Pickford

Pickford the pick of the crop

Analysis can be shallow, even over euphoric, but 24-year-old England keeper Jordan Pickford was properly praised for the several excellent saves he made against Sweden, more saves in fact than the Swedes themselves were obliged to make. That England, though worthy winners, conceded an ominous number of chances, was blithely ignored.

Pickford was beyond doubt one of the stars of the show and clearly solved what looked as if it might become a serious problem for manager Gareth Southgate.

From County Durham, Pickford was sent round the houses on loan by Sunderland but returned to the club where goodness knows their goalkeepers were kept busy and cemented his place before joining Everton. He has now surely also sealed his spot with England.

Stars and surprises

Russia 2018 was a tournament of strange surprises and fallen heroes, in which, as ever, luck played its part.

England certainly were lucky when they met a bruising Colombia in that they were there without James Rodriguez, voted best player of the previous World Cup but obliged to watch this tournament gloomily from the stands. Similarly the Uruguayans in their last unsuccessful game had to undertake it without Edinson Cavani who, with Luis Suarez, is one the two world-class players the country possesses.

What did surprise me was that France should defeat Belgium, whom I had seen as favourites for the title. Until their semi-final meeting, the French had hardly been inspiring, but in the teenage Kylian Mbappe they have a star who does damage from the right as a true winger, when so few countries today possess them. He has glorious pace, excellent control and does not abuse his talents.

If only one could say the same thing about Brazil's incorrigible Neymar. Time and again his histrionics were intolerable. I remember when I first laid eyes upon him, in England when he played for Brazil and was booed for his play-acting.

In the last World Cup he had every reason to lament when a brutal foul from behind put him out of the tournament.

All the sadder when his gifts are so very many.

Incorrigible...Neymar

Multiple regrets on Wilshere

Although England did far better than expected, I still wish that Jack Wilshere had been taken to Russia. Now Arsenal have let him go to West Ham for nothing because they did not have the sense at least to put him on a contract as the previous one was due to expire.

Arsenal in recent months have appointed several highly paid executives. Could they not, however cynically, given Wilshere, who has been with the club from the age of nine, a new contract so at least they would have been entitled to a fee?

And did their new coach really have to tell him there would be no place for him in the team? We are yet to see how his costly new purchases will turn out...

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THE INSIDER

Where was VAR when it really mattered?

Advanced... Kasper Schmeichel denies Croatia

As technology insinuates itself more and more into football, so the sport's rule book begins to grow in complexity. We now have a sort of auxiliary rule book: the VAR Handbook.

This handbook is necessary because the VAR has brought with it not only a web of technical equipment but a posse of colleagues – seven in total: three assistants and four replay operators, all of whom need to have their duties set out in detail.

Obviously, this booklet won't be used too often. After all, how many of football's thousands of leagues will be using the VAR system?

On the whole I'd say VAR came out of the 2018 World Cup pretty well. But there was one inexplicable gap in its performance: goalkeeper movement at penalty kicks – which has long been a murky area for referees.

Which is odd, because the rule book – and the VAR handbook – are models of clarity on this point. Rule 14 states: "The defending goalkeeper must remain on the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts until the ball has been kicked." The VAR Handbook says: "The referee can initiate a [VAR] review for an offence by the goalkeeper or kicker which directly affects the outcome of the penalty kick and thus whether a goal is scored."

So how to explain what happened near the end of extra time in the Croatia-Denmark game? With the score at 1-1, Croatia were awarded a penalty, which Denmark's goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel saved.

But Schmeichel had moved forward, suspiciously early, and replays proved the point. As Luka Modric was about to strike the ball, Schmeichel's left foot was planted a good yard forward from the goal line and his trailing right foot was also forward.

This was a perfect scenario for VAR intervention. The kick should have been retaken and Schmeichel should have been booked. Yet, amazingly, absolutely nothing happened. The assistant referee (AR) on the goal line, specifically tasked with watching for "blatant" goalkeeper movement, did not wave his flag and the VAR evidently saw nothing wrong.

As things turned out, Croatia went on to win the game, so not much will be made of this incident. But a great deal should be made of it because it represents a total failure of everything that the VAR is supposed to be doing.

Schmeichel's movement was clear. Are all those VARs watching or not? It is my understanding that they are supposed to review all goals.

That they so lamentably failed to do so is immensely disappointing. Football has found that it is virtually impossible for the AR – looking along the goal line – to decide whether any keeper movement is made before the ball has been kicked by the penalty taker.

So ARs have taken to allowing goalkeepers to take one step forward without being penalised. A practical solution but hardly a worthy one. Football's rules are supposed to be obeyed, not dodged.

This is an unsatisfactory situation, but one that VAR is ideally equipped to resolve. Yet when the key moment arrived, VAR went missing. It was almost as though VAR didn't want to make it too obvious that it is superior to the AR on the goal line. There is a strong case to be made for banishing the AR as a detector of goalkeeper movement. He cannot do the job he is supposed to do, but he is no longer necessary anyway. Total responsibility for decisions on goalkeeper movement should be shifted to the VAR team, which can quickly and accurately scan each penalty kick.

> Goalkeeper movement at penalty kicks has long been a murky area for referees

It seems very likely that once the goalkeepers are aware that they are being closely monitored and that they will – if caught jumping the gun – be yellow-carded (as Rule 14 mandates), then there will be no early goalkeeper movement wherever VAR operates. WS

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TEAM BY TEAM *group-stage exit*

MOROCCO

They waited 20 years to return to the finals and were out after seven days, the first team to be eliminated. Yet they were arguably the best side not to make the knockout stage. Desperately unlucky against Iran, when they lost concentration in the final seconds of stoppage time, Herve Renard's side scared the living daylights out of Spain with their heavy pressing and felt aggrieved at refereeing incidents that went against them versus both Spain and Portugal.

SAUDI ARABIA

Overpowered and overawed by Russia in the opening game, they looked to have gone backwards since the departure of Bert Van Marwijk and the appointment of Juan Antonio Pizzi. Talk that Pizzi might be sacrificed after the defeat by Uruguay proved fanciful and they redeemed themselves with a 2-1 victory over Egypt in their final game. Salem Al Dawsari, scorer of the late winning goal against the Egyptians, was lively and their best player over the three games.

EGYPT

Elimination at the group stage was a big disappointment after the 28-year wait since their previous participation, but it was not that surprising given the injury problems of star man Mohamed Salah. The Liverpool striker missed the opener against Uruguay and did not appear fully fit in the following games, despite scoring twice. Coach Hector Cuper, under fire for his conservative tactics, left his post, while Salah hinted at retirement in a cryptic message on social media.

PERU

An army of fans arrived in their thousands, delighting in a first World Cup participation for 36 years, and they cheered on a team that played some of the most adventurous football of the group stage. While talismanic striker Paolo Guerrero was free to play in Russia after his doping ban was suspended, things might have been very different had Cristian Cueva not missed a penalty in first-half stoppage time against Denmark and they had discovered their scoring touch sooner against Australia.

COSTA RICA

Los Ticos never came close to matching the heights of the 2014 finals, despite having much the same group of players. Coach Oscar Ramirez left after the early departure following defeats to Serbia and Brazil, but the margins were minimal: beaten by an Aleksandar Kolarov free-kick against Serbia and then holding Brazil until stoppage time. They were more attack minded against Switzerland but by then it was too late.

PANAMA

Coach Hernan Dario Gomez was angered by the "worst team" tag but they were one of only two teams – the other was Egypt – to lose all three group games. The tournament's oldest squad was always going to struggle in a group where they faced Belgium and England. Thumped by both, they celebrated their consolation goals with gusto.

POLAND

Disastrous, especially for striker Robert Lewandowski, the top European scorer in qualifying. He failed to find the net, but in his defence he received little service. Coach Robert Nawalka was heavily criticised for the defeats to Senegal and Colombia, although he was forced to reshape his defence in the absence of the injured Kamil Glik, and his period in charge is over after five years.

TUNISIA

Had their best spell of the tournament in the first half of their first game, against England, when they equalised and then looked like they might hold out for a draw. Ultimately their campaign was undone by injuries. Their best player, Youssef Msakni, didn't recover in time from a knee injury to make the squad and they were also hit by an injury to striker Taha Yassine Khenissi. During the tournament injuries to Mouez Hassen, Dylan Bronn and Syam Ben Youssef forced coach Nabil Maaloul to use all 23 squad players, including all three goalkeepers. Much was expected of the side's wing-back Ali Maaloul but he disappointed, while Wahbi Khazri, in an unexpected role as a central striker, impressed. Victory over Panama in their final game was a first World Cup win in 40 years and thoughts now turn to a possible joint bid with Morocco and Algeria to host in 2030.

TEAM BY TEAM *group-stage exit*

IRAN

Came so close to an upset, with Carlos Queirez's defensive discipline almost securing passage to the knockout stage from a tough group. After the opening win over Morocco they gave Spain a run for their money and then came close to stunning Portugal. Keeper Alireza Beiranvand, with a colourful past as a rough sleeper, will be forever remembered for saving a penalty from Cristiano Ronaldo. Queiroz will stay for the 2019 Asian Cup, but Sardar Azmoun announced his international retirement at 23 because the abuse he received on social media had, he said, affected the health of his mother.

AUSTRALIA

Bert Van Marwijk faced a race against time after taking charge in January and he made the side hard to beat. The downside was that they weren't pretty, relying on penalty king Mile Jedinak for their goals rather than any finishing skill in open play. They were angered by a penalty in the opener against France, but things were evened up with a spot-kick against Denmark. Graham Arnold now takes over as coach and he has an exciting new prospect in Daniel Arzani.

NIGERIA

The tournament's youngest squad took time to warm up and lost to Croatia, but then impressed against Iceland, with Ahmed Musa, Victor Moses and Oghenekaro Etebo catching the eye. They felt they deserved more against Argentina, but the potential is there for a decent campaign in Qatar in 2022 after German coach Gerhard Rohr introduced a three-man defence and the squad enjoyed a campaign without any of the financial squabbles of previous tournaments.

ICELAND

The fans didn't travel in quite the numbers of two years ago in France but the team came close to repeating the feats of 2016 only to be killed off by a second-string Croatia side in the final group game. It was the same group of players as Euro 2016, but ultimately they were beaten by technically superior opponents. Coach Heimir Hallgrimsson put the disappointment behind him by refereeing a kids tournament in his home town on his return.

GERMANY

The story of the group stage and one with many factors – not least the poor form of the team's elder statesmen Jerome Boateng, Sami Khedira, Mesut Ozil and Thomas Muller; questionable tactics by Joachim Low in the defeats by Mexico and South Korea; and their slow, ponderous forward movement, together with a lack of cutting edge and chronic vulnerability to a rapid counter-thrust. But where Germany really let themselves down was in the psychological department. Talk of a successful title defence sowed the seeds of complacency as it was assumed they would sweep through to the last 16. Instead, the team was just not ready for the intense resistance of Mexican, Swedish and South Korean opponents. Surprised at not exerting their usual dominance, neither Low nor his charges knew quite what to do. The problems run deep, but Low insists he will stay on and see his contract through until 2020.

SOUTH KOREA ▲

Eggs were reportedly thrown at players on their return home, but despite defeats to Sweden and Mexico the stunning win over Germany redeemed their campaign and gives hope for the future. Debate in Korean football now turns to the future of the national coach Tae-yong, with the likes of Louis Van Gaal, Andre Villas-Boas and Felipe Scolari all being linked with the job.

SERBIA ▼

The Serbs didn't play badly but came up short against technically superior opponents and their organisation and spirit was not enough to carry them through. Sergej Milinkovic-Savic impressed in the central role given to him by coach Mladen Krstajic after being ignored during the qualifiers, but Aleksandar Mitrovic lacked confidence and failed to provide the quality finish that was needed.

SENEGAL ▲

The last African team left in the competition and the first team to miss out on the knockout stage on fairplay points – with FIFA saying it will review the rule. Coach Alou Cisse was commended for his defensive organisation but his team's physical approach also attracted criticism and ultimately led to the yellow cards.

TEAM BY TEAM *round-of- 16 exit*

ARGENTINA

The difficulties in qualifying – a result of the decades-old problem of chaotic administration – were carried over into the finals. While Jorge Sampaoli could be criticised for omitting striker Mauro Icardi, he could also blame bad luck for the injury that ruled out keeper Sergio Romero, forcing a competitive debut for Franco Armani after Willy Caballero's disastrous performance against Croatia. But for some time Argentina's fundamental problem has been that players are no longer coming through the youth teams, in contrast to the under-20 and under-17 successes of a decade ago. If Sampaoli lacked the time and the players to implement his system, his tactics in Russia were still a mystery: four games, four formations and four different starting line-ups. And then there was the question of who picked the team: the coach or Lionel Messi? Sampaoli still has the backing of federation president Claudio Tapia – not least because his organisation cannot afford to pay him off.

PORTUGAL

The Cristiano Ronaldo show rescued the European champions against Spain, but failing to beat Iran sent them into the wrong half of the draw, where they were outplayed by Uruguay, and Edinson Cavani in particular. But there were no recriminations afterwards, no blame game, just an acceptance that Ronaldo cannot carry them every time. Just as with Euro 2016, Fernando Santos was cautious in his tactics, with Goncalo Guedes playing Nani's winger-turned-striker role of two years ago. The youngsters that starred in 2016 have failed to kick on, but the deployment of Bernardo Silva in a more central role could be an important lesson learned. That, along with Ronaldo's determination to stick around for a while longer, gives hope for a defence of their title at Euro 2020.

SPAIN

The 2010 world champions couldn't have had a more chaotic build-up, with the sacking of Julen Lopetegui and the last-minute deployment of Fernando Hierro. The players did not want their coach to go and there were farcical scenes as federation boss Jose Luis Rubiales flew to the team base in Krasnodar to confront Lopetegui after the federation had been ambushed by Real Madrid's announcement of his hiring. Without their leader, the players had little stomach for the fight. Tactics were stale and lacking in urgency, with none of the senior stars stepping up to fill the leadership void. A few – Isco and Iago Aspas – emerged with credit but most did not. Goalkeeper David De Gea made uncharacteristic mistakes, Diego Costa was not a natural fit in attack and David Silva faded, while Russia proved to be the end of the international road for Andres Iniesta. Hierro walked away, as expected, with the federation moving quickly to appoint Luis Enrique.

DENMARK

Well drilled by Age Hareide, they were carried by a few dashes of inspiration from Christian Eriksen. But the remainder of the squad was distinctly ordinary and they took part in the tournament's worst game, the 0-0 draw with France.

MEXICO

Another World Cup, another last-16 exit. They played some of the most adventurous football of the group stage against Germany and South Korea, but were then bullied by Sweden when they needed a result to win the group. They began well against Brazil but the *Selecao* soon got the measure of them. Hirving Lozano confirmed his talent but they need more like him if they are to break through their glass ceiling.

JAPAN

Asia's best performing side, whose best-ever World Cup campaign ended in heroic failure against Belgium after they had surged into a 2-0 lead. Akira Nishino had stepped in as coach following the sacking of Vahid Halilhodzic and he restored some of the elder statesmen to the squad. But it was a lesser name, Takashi Inui, who impressed, with goals against Senegal and Belgium.

SWITZERLAND

The win against Serbia was overshadowed by the row over Granit Xhaka and Xherdan Shaqiri's "eagle" goal celebrations, but that should not detract from solid performances in the group stage, before a traditional lack of firepower was exposed by Sweden.

COLOMBIA

A campaign of "what ifs". What if James Rodriguez had been fully fit? What if they had been more positive against England? However, he wasn't and they weren't. In hindsight, the defensive approach against England made little sense. If they had gone for it they might have been rewarded. In Rodriguez's absence, Juan Quintero showed glimpses of the playmaker many had hoped he could become, while Yerry Mina's towering performances may yet earn him a move away from the bench at Barcelona.

TEAM BY TEAM *quarter-final exit*

URUGUAY

A clutch of young midfielders – Rodrigo Bentancur, Diego Laxalt and Nahitan Nandez – were introduced by Oscar Tabarez, but ultimately it was the Diego Godin-Jose Gimenez defensive axis and the Edinson Cavani-Luis Suarez attacking partnership that carried them through to the last eight, where they met their match in France and when, crucially, the injured Cavani was missing.

BRAZIL

In qualifying, Tite looked to have weaned the team off their Neymar dependency, but Gabriel Jesus failed to rise to the occasion in Russia and Roberto Firmino never got a chance to shine until it was too late. Tite's policy of rotating the captaincy was confusing but they moved through the gears as they eased past Serbia and Mexico and into the quarters. It all fell apart in the first half against Belgium. Neymar's histrionics annoyed the neutrals but he is unlikely to change his game when he is so feted and indulged at club level.

SWEDEN

No Zlatan, no problem. Janne Andersson's no-nonsense approach took them further than expected, epitomised by the gritty defending of captain Andreas Granqvist. Ultimately, their lack of firepower – striker Marcus Berg failed to score with any of his 15 goal attempts – halted their progress.

RUSSIA

Fared better than anybody expected, not least themselves. Stanislav Cherchesov persuaded 38-year-old Sergei Ignashevich to come out of retirement, mended bridges with striker Artem Dzyuba and got the best from his only foreign-based outfield player, Denis Cheryshev. Critics were quick to suggest a connection between Russian sport's recent doping misdemeanours and the hard yardage covered by Cherchesov's side, but home crowds, enthralled by the opening-game thrashing of Saudi Arabia, played their part, too.

FOURTH PLACE: ENGLAND

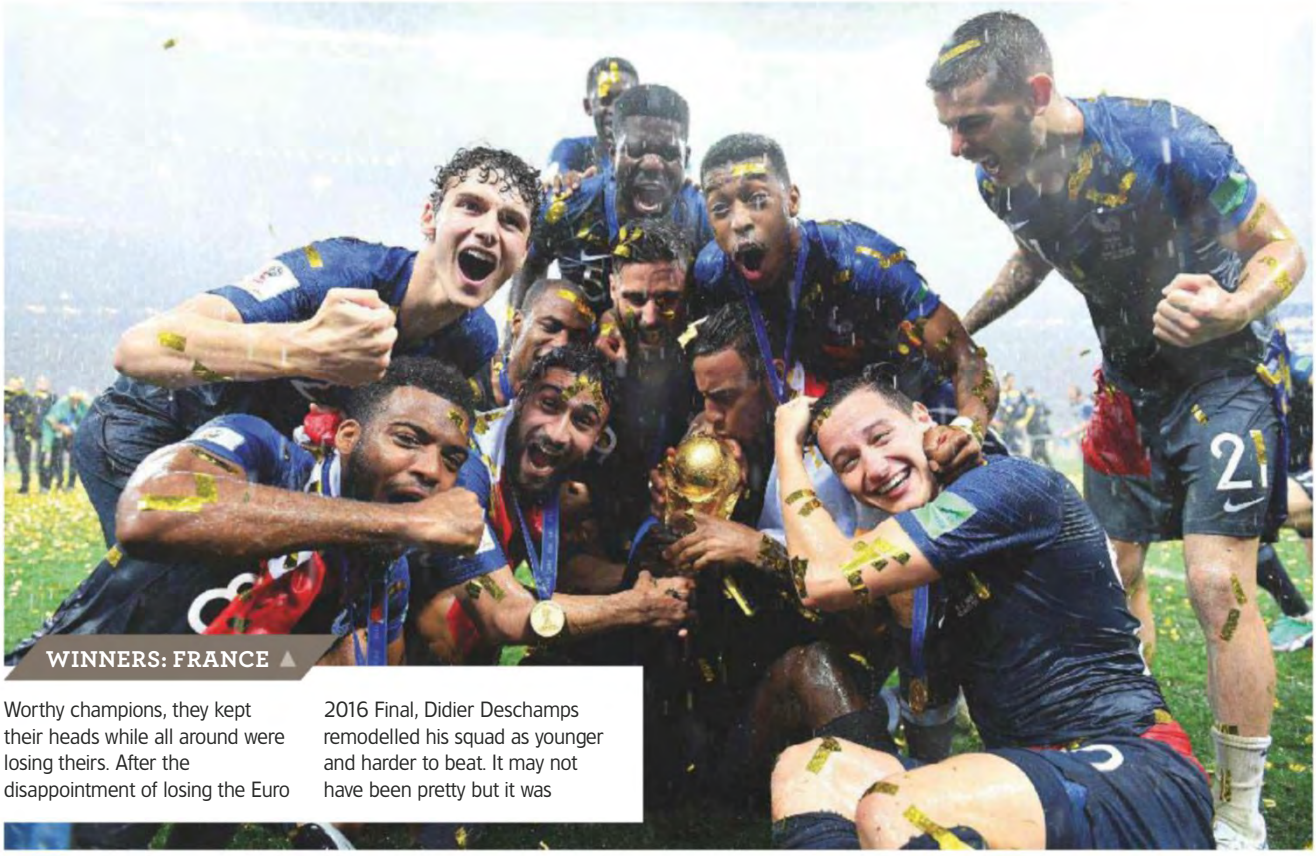
A young team with a manager who tried to play progressive football, they re-connected with fans back home in a manner few expected. They surpassed all expectations, making huge progress from the side that stumbled out of Euro 2016, though the gap to the very top teams is still obvious. They lacked a playmaker and had the second-lowest number of shots from open play of all 32 teams, but their organisation at set-pieces delivered the Golden Boot for Harry Kane. Euro 2020, with the semis and final at Wembley, could be interesting.

THIRD PLACE: BELGIUM

In the end the golden generation had to settle for bronze. Roberto Martinez took the group of players who had fluffed their lines at Euro 2016 and gave them a new tactical sophistication. Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard dovetailed effectively, supported by Romelu Lukaku's tireless running. Thomas Meunier was outstanding – and greatly missed when suspended for the semi-final.

RUNNERS-UP: CROATIA

Lots of theories were put forward to explain how Croatia managed to come back from losing positions three times to win knockout games in extra time en route to their first World Cup Final. But perhaps it was the simple things; after all, they had the tournament's best player in Luka Modric, a penalty specialist in keeper Danijel Subasic and a host of players – notably Ivan Perisic, Mario Mandzukic and Ivan Rakitic – playing at the highest level of European club football. They also had a coach in Zlatko Dalic who made the right tactical decisions during games.



WINNERS: FRANCE

Worthy champions, they kept their heads while all around were losing theirs. After the disappointment of losing the Euro 2016 Final, Didier Deschamps remodelled his squad as younger and harder to beat. It may not have been pretty but it was

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■ Vrsaljko 90+2

FRANCE CROWNED CHAMPIONS

Croatia make a lively start and their midfield presses Ngolo Kante into uncharacteristic errors. But against the run of play, France open the scoring when Anrtoine Griezmann's free-kick goes in off the head of Mario Mandzukic. Comeback kings Croatia equalise through Ivan Perisic and then there is drama when, after a lengthy VAR review, ref Nestor Pitana awards a penalty as Perisic handles a French corner. Griezmann dispatches the spot-kick and France remain in control after the break. They extend their lead with goals from Mbappe – who, after Pele in 1958, becomes only the second teenager to score in a World Cup Final – and Pogba before a Hugo Lloris howler gives Croatia brief hope. But they are too tired to pursue another comeback and France are worthy champions.

Own goal...Croatia keeper Danijel Subasic is beaten

GOALS

1-0 Antoine Griezmann's free-kick skims the head of Mario Mandzukic.
1-1 Luka Modric's free-kick is headed back across goal by Sime Vrsaljko, Domigoj Vida touches the ball back to Ivan Perisic whose shot deflects past Hugo Lloris.
2-1 Antoine Griezmann scores from the penalty spot following a lengthy VAR pitchside review.
3-1 After his right-footed shot is blocked, Paul Pogba shoots brilliantly with his left foot into the corner of the net.
4-1 After a run from Lucas Hernandez, Kylian Mbappe collects the ball outside the penalty area and fires home.
4-2 Hugo Lloris, on his own six-yard line, tries to knocks the ball past Mandzukic but only succeeds only in kicking the ball against his opponent an into an empty net.

MATTER OF FACT

Mario Mandzukic's own goal was the first-ever in a World Cup Final and took the total for this year's finals to a record 12.

	France	Croatia
Possession	39%	61%
Goal attempts	8(6)	15(3)
Corners	2	6
Fouls	14	13

3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF

JULY 14

BELGIUM (1) 2
(Meunier 4, E Hazard 82)

ENGLAND (0) 0

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg. Att: 64,406. Ref: Faghani (Irn)

BELGIUM Courtois; Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen; Meunier, Tielemans (Dembele 78), Witsel, Chadli (Vermaelen 39); De Bruyne, E Hazard; Lukaku (Mertens 60)

ENGLAND Pickford; Jones, Stones, Maguire; Trippier, Loftus-Cheek (Alli 84), Dier, Delph, Rose (Lingard 46); Sterling (Rashford 46); Kane
■ Stones 52, Maguire 77

BELGIUM TAKE BRONZE

These two teams meet for the second time in the tournament – and Belgium triumph once again, with goals from Thomas Meunier and Eden Hazard.

GOALS

1-0 Thomas Meunier beats Danny Rose to turn in Nacer Chadli's cross.
2-0 Eden Hazard, played in by Kevin De Bruyne, cuts across Phil Jones and fires inside the near post.

Record...Thomas Meunier

MATTER OF FACT

Thomas Meunier was the 10th different player to score for Belgium at the finals, equalling a record set by France (1982) and Italy (2006).

	Belgium	England
Possession	43%	57
Goal attempts	12(4)	15(5)
Corners	4	5
Fouls	11	5

SEMI-FINALS

JULY 10

FRANCE (0) 1
(Umtiti 51)
BELGIUM (0) 0

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg. Att: 64,286. Ref: Cunha (Uru)

FRANCE Lloris; Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Hernandez; Pogba, Kante, Matuidi (Tolisso 86); Mbappe, Giroud (Nzonzi 85), Griezmann
■ Kante 87, Mbappe 90+3

BELGIUM Courtois; Chadli (Batshuayi 90+1), Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen; Dembele (Mertens 60), Witsel; De Bruyne, Fellaini (Carrasco 80), E Hazard; Lukaku
■ E Hazard 63, Alderweireld 71, Vertonghen 90+4

HEADER SEALS FINAL SPOT

Samuel Umtiti's towering header from a corner is enough to see off Belgium, who make a bright start, with Eden Hazard a constant threat on the left flank. However, after France keeper Hugo Lloris denies Toby Alderweireld from a corner, the French midfield begins to assert control over proceedings. Antoine Griezmann and Olivier Giroud both miss decent chances, while Belgium's Thibaut Courtois saves from Benjamin Pavard. Umtiti scores after losing Marouane Fellaini at the near post and France then maintain their defensive control, sitting deep and inviting Belgium to find a way through. Substitute Dries Mertens brings more purpose to Belgium's right flank, but Romelu Lukaku is well marshalled by French centre-backs, Umtiti and the outstanding Raphael Varane.

GOAL

1-0 Samuel Umtiti leaps in front of Marouane Fellaini to head in Antoine Griezmann's corner.

TALKING POINT

This was an enthralling game between two outstanding teams who were the two best sides left in the competition. It would have made a worthy Final.

MATTER OF FACT

Belgium were the first team to reach a semi-final by beating countries from five federations: CONCACAF (Panama), Africa (Tunisia), Europe (England) Asia (Japan) and CONMEBOL (Brazil).

"It was a dead-ball situation which was the difference. It was a close game and it was very tight and it was going to be decided by that bit of luck in front of goal"
Belgium coach Roberto Martinez

Winner... Samuel Umtiti

	France	Belgium
Possession	40%	60
Goal attempts	19(5)	9(3)
Corners	4	5
Fouls	6	16

JULY 11

CROATIA (0) 2
(Perisic 68, Mandzukic 109)
ENGLAND (1) 1
(Trippier 5)

aet

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow. Att: 78,011. Ref: Cuneyt (Tur)

CROATIA Subasic; Vrsaljko, Lovren, Vida, Strinic (Pivaric 95); Modric (Badelj 119), Brozovic, Rakitic; Rebic (Kramaric 101), Mandzukic (Corluka 115), Perisic
■ Mandzukic 115, Rebic 96

ENGLAND Pickford; Walker (Vardy 112), Stones, Maguire; Trippier, Lingard, Henderson (Dier 97), Alli, Young (Rose 91); Sterling (Rashford 74), Kane
■ Walker 54

ENGLAND PUNISHED

For their third game in a row, Croatia recover from a losing position to triumph. England dominate the first half after taking a lead through Kieran Trippier as the pace of Raheem Sterling troubles Croatia's backline. Jesse Lingard, set up by Dele Alli, then misses a golden opportunity as he shoots wide. After the break Croatia's pressing is more intense and their passing crisper, and England are punished by Ivan Perisic, who almost gets a second but his shot hits a post. In extra time Jordan Pickford keeps England in the game by saving Mario Mandzukic's shot with his foot. But as thoughts turn to penalties, Mandzukic punishes another lax piece of defending, turning his shot past Pickford. England end up chasing the game with 10 men after Trippier is injured and all four subs have been used.

GOALS

0-1 Kieran Trippier curls a perfectly weighted free-kick over the wall.
1-1 Ivan Perisic leaps high in front of a static Kyle Walker to stab home Sime Vrsaljko's cross.
1-2 Ivan Perisic heads John Stones' half-clearance back into the area and Mario Mandzukic puts the ball past Pickford.

TALKING POINT

Luka Modric conceded a silly free-kick from which Kieran Trippier put England ahead after five minutes, but his influence grew through the 120 minutes, even if he could barely walk by the end of extra-time.

"Many of our players have come of age on the international stage"
England manager Gareth Southgate

High foot...Ivan Perisic beats Kyle Walker

	Croatia	England
Possession	54%	46%
Goal attempts	22(7)	11(1)
Corners	8	4
Fouls	23	14

QUARTER-FINALS

JULY 6

URUGUAY (0) 0
FRANCE (1) 2
(Varane 40, Griezmann 61)

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod. Att: 43,319. Ref: Pitana (Arg)

URUGUAY Muslera; Caceres, Gimenez, Godin, Laxalt; Nandez (Urretaviscaya 73), Torreira, Bentancur (Gomez 59), Vecino; Suarez, Stuani (Rodriguez 59)
■ Bentancur 38, Rodriguez 69

FRANCE Lloris; Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Hernandez; Pogba, Kante; Mbappe (Dembele 88), Griezmann (Fekir 90+3), Tolisso (Nzonzi 80); Giroud
■ Hernandez 33, Mbappe 69

MUSLERA'S COSTLY MISTAKE

France rarely get out of second gear as they reach the semi-finals for the sixth time in their history with goals from Raphael Varane and Antoine Griezmann. Without injured striker Edinson Cavani, Uruguay's plan is to close France down, restrict their movement and passing, and hope for a chance at a set-piece. But, unfortunately for them, it is France who take their chance from a set-piece. After Rodrigo Bentancur's foul on Corentin Tolisso, Griezmann plays in a free-kick for Varane to open the scoring. Uruguay are forced to chase the game but any chance of a revival evaporates when keeper Fernando Muslera misjudges Griezmann's shot.

GOALS

0-1 Raphael Varane gets ahead of the Uruguay defence to head in Antoine Griezmann's free-kick.

0-2 Fernando Muslera tries to push away a long-range shot from Griezmann but fumbles the ball into his own net.

TALKING POINT

Uruguay were angered by Kylian Mbappe, who fell to the ground after substitute Cristian Rodriguez had kicked out at him in frustration at the teenager's showboating.

Anger...Uruguay try to confront Kylian Mbappe

MATTER OF FACT

Uruguay received more bookings in this game against France (two, for Rodrigo Bentancur and Cristian Rodriguez) than in their four previous games combined (one, also for Bentancur).

"You can see our lack of experience sometimes, but we have so many qualities too"
France coach Didier Deschamps

Possession	42%	58%
Goal attempts	11(4)	11(2)
Corners	4	3
Fouls	17	15

JULY 6

BRAZIL (0) 1
(Augusto 76)
BELGIUM (2) 2
(Fernandinho og 13, De Bruyne 31)

Kazan Arena, Kazan. Att: 42,873. Ref: Mazic (Ser)

BRAZIL Alisson; Fagner, Silva, Miranda, Marcelo; Paulinho (Augusto 73), Fernandinho; Willian (Firmino 46), Coutinho, Neymar; Jesus (Costa 58)
■ Fernandinho 85, Fagner 90

BELGIUM Courtois; Meunier, Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen; Fellaini, Witsel, Chadli (Vermaelen 83); De Bruyne; Lukaku (Tielemans 87), E Hazard
■ Alderweireld 47, Meunier 71

ATTACKING TRIO TOO GOOD

Brazil have no answer to the attacking trio of Kevin De Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku and Eden Hazard, despite a spirited second-half comeback. Thiago Silva and Paulinho both fluff their lines from corners early on, before Belgium go ahead from a corner of their own as Vincent Kompany's header deflects in off Fernandinho. With Marouane Fellaini in to reinforce Belgium's midfield, De Bruyne is able to thrive in a more forward role and scores a wonderful second goal as Belgium break at speed after a Brazil corner. The second-half introduction of Roberto Firmino and Douglas Costa gives Brazil more purpose in the final third and their last sub, Renato Augusto, makes an instant impact when his header brings Brazil back into the game. Augusto and Coutinho miss late chances, and Thibaut Courtois saves brilliantly from Neymar in stoppage time.

GOALS

0-1 A Belgium corner is headed on by Vincent Kompany and turned into his own net by Fernandinho.

0-2 In a sweeping break from a Brazil corner, Romelu Lukaku runs from his own half to play in Kevin De Bruyne. With Marcelo backing off, De Bruyne arrows a fierce shot inside the far post.

1-2 Philippe Coutinho picks out the run of Renato Augusto, who heads inside the far post.

TALKING POINT

Brazil were aggrieved when Vincent Kompany tripped Gabriel Jesus but VAR ruled out the penalty. Neymar also had a late appeal turned down when he missed a header under Thomas Meunier's challenge. Brazil's number 10 should have been booked earlier for a dive in the penalty area.

MATTER OF FACT

This was the first time Brazil have conceded two goals in a game under Tite.

Assist... Vincent Kompany flicks on a corner

Possession	57%	43%
Goal attempts	26(9)	7(3)
Corners	8	4
Fouls	14	16

JULY 7

SWEDEN (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 2
(Maguire 30, Alli 59)

Samara Arena, Samara. Att: 39,991. Ref: Kuipers (Hol)

Second...Dele Alli heads home

SWEDEN Olsen; Krafth (Jansson 85), Lindelof, Granqvist, Augustinsson; Claesson, Larsson, Ekdal, Forsberg (Olsson 65); Berg, Toivonen (Guidetti 65)
■ Guidetti 87, Larsson 90+4

ENGLAND Pickford; Walker, Stones, Maguire; Trippier, Henderson (Dier 85), Young; Lingard, Alli (Delph 76); Sterling (Rashford 90+1), Kane
■ Maguire 87

MORE SET-PIECE SUCCESS

Goals from Harry Maguire and Dele Alli see off Sweden in Samara. After a slow start, with the Swedes happy to play at a reduced pace, England up the tempo and score from their first corner. Raheem Sterling has two excellent chances to extend the lead before half-time but is denied by Robin Olsen. Alli does increase the advantage after the break and Sweden are denied a route back into the game as Jordan Pickford makes outstanding saves from Viktor Claesson and twice from Marcus Berg.

GOALS

0-1 Harry Maguire scores with a powerful header from Ashley Young's corner.
0-2 Dele Alli heads in Jesse Lingard's cross after a sustained spell of pressure.

TALKING POINT

Dele Alli had been criticised for his earlier performances in the tournament and appeared to be short of fitness. But he answered his critics by scoring the goal that sealed England's place in the semi-finals.

MATTER OF FACT

England's opening goal by Harry Maguire was the eighth set-piece they have scored in Russia.

"I don't feel this was my best performance personally on the pitch, but to get a goal in an occasion like this is unbelievable, and for the team and the country to get to the semi-final is an amazing feeling"
England's Dele Alli

Possession	43%	57%
Goal attempts	7(3)	12(2)
Corners	1	6
Fouls	10	7

JULY 7

RUSSIA (1) 2
(Cheryshev 31 Fernandes 115)
CROATIA (1) 2
(Kramaric 39, Vida 101)

aet; 1-1 at 90 mins; Croatia won 4-3 on penalties

Fisht Stadium, Sochi. Att: 44,287. Ref: Ricci (Bra)

RUSSIA Akinfeev; Fernandes, Ignashevich, Kutepov, Kudriashov; Zobnin, Kuzyayev; Samedov (Yerokhin 54), Golovin (Dzagoev 102), Cheryshev (Smolov 67); Dzyuba (Gazinsky 80)
■ Gazinsky 109

CROATIA Subasic; Vrsaljko (Corluka 97), Lovren, Vida, Strinic (Pivaric 74); Modric, Rakitic; Rebic, Kramaric (Kovacic 88), Perisic (Brozovic 63); Mandzukic
■ Lovren 35, Strinic 38, Vida 103, Pivaric 114

GOALS

1-0 Denis Cheryshev exchanges passes with Artem Dzyuba and curls a shot past Danijel Subasic.
1-1 Mario Mandzukic crosses for Andrej Kramaric to head home.
1-2 Domogoj Vida directs a header from a corner into the net.
2-2 Mario Fernandes heads in a free-kick after Josip Pivaric had been penalised for handball.

Pressure...Russian keeper Igor Akinfeev clears his lines

HOSTS GO OUT

It is the end of the road for the tournament hosts, who have gone further than most people expected. An uneventful first half explodes into life when Denis Cheryshev scores another spectacular goal. But Russia's advantage lasts just eight minutes, as Mario Mandzukic sets up Andrej Kramaric for an equaliser. Croatia dominate but can not make their superiority count. In extra time, Russia tire for the first time in the tournament and Croatia take advantage from a corner. But Brazil-born Mario Fernandes, the last South American player left in the tournament, drags Russia back into the game with a late equaliser. In the shoot-out, after Fyodor Smolov's opening spot-kick is saved, Fernandes blasts his shot wide to hand the initiative to Croatia, and leaving Ivan Rakitic to calmly convert the winning penalty.

PENALTIES (Russia first)			
Smolov (saved)	0-0	0-1	Brozovic
Dzagoev	1-1	1-1	Kovacic (saved)
Fernandes (wide)	1-1	1-2	Modric
Ignashevich	2-2	2-3	Vida
Kuzyayev	3-3	3-4	Rakitic

MATTER OF FACT

Croatia are the second team to win two penalty shoot-outs at a World Cup tournament – the other was Argentina in 1990.

"Glory to Ukraine"
Croatia's Domagoj Vida could be in trouble for this anti-Russian outburst at the end of the game

Possession	36%	64%
Goal attempts	13(7)	17(3)
Corners	6	8
Fouls	25	18

ROUND OF 16

JUNE 30

FRANCE (1) 4
(Griezmann pen 13, Pavard 57, Mbappe 64, 68)

ARGENTINA (1) 3
(Di Maria 41, Mercado 48, Aguero 90+3)

Kazan Arena, Kazan. Att: 42,873. Ref: Faghani (Irn)

FRANCE Lloris; Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Hernandez; Pogba, Kante, Matuidi (Tolisso 75); Mbappe (Thauvin 89), Giroud, Griezmann (Fekir 83)
■ Matuidi 72, Pavard 73, Giroud 90+3

ARGENTINA Armani; Mercado, Otamendi, Rojo (Fazio 46), Tagliafico; Perez (Aguero 66), Mascherano, Banega; Messi; Pavon (Meza 75), Di Maria
■ Rojo 11, Tagliafico 19, Mascherano 43, Banega 50, Otamendi 90+3

MBAPPE ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL

Kylian Mbappe outshines Lionel Messi as France tear through a disjointed and disorientated Argentina, who have no answer to the teenager's blistering pace, and a run from his own half is ended by a stupid foul for the opening goal. France's failure to increase their lead lets Argentina back into the game and they even enjoy a stroke of luck when Gabriel Mercado's deflection puts them ahead early in the second half. But the lead is brief as France roar back with a brilliant volley from Benjamin Pavard and two goals from the outstanding Mbappe before Sergio Aguero's stoppage-time header sets up a frantic finale.

GOALS

1-0 Antoine Griezmann rolls his penalty down the middle after Kylian Mbappe is hauled down by Marcos Rojo.
1-1 Angel Di Maria, in space 25 yards out, has time to fire home.
1-2 Gabriel Mercado deflects Lionel Messi's shot past Hugo Lloris.
2-2 Lucas Hernandez's cross from the left evades everybody except Benjamin Pavard, whose incredible volley spins inside the far post.
3-2 Mbappe beats Franco Armani at the near post.
4-2 In a sweeping team move, Mbappe runs on to Olivier Giroud's pass to score.
4-3 Sergio Aguero heads in Lionel Messi's cross.

TALKING POINT

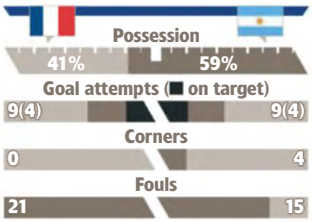
Argentina coach Jorge Sampaoli's tactics made little sense. Lionel Messi was isolated in a false-nine role and an ageing defence playing too high up the pitch were exposed by Mbappe's pace. Aguero's arrival gave them more penalty-area presence but it was too late.

MATTER OF FACT

Didier Deschamps took charge of his 80th game as France coach to set a new national record.

"Ronaldo was a forward, very quick. Kylian is even quicker. But we compare a world champion to a young player"
France boss Didier Deschamps on comparisons between his teenage striker and the Brazilian great

Star...Kylian Mbappe scores France's third



JUNE 30

URUGUAY (1) 2
(Cavani 7, 62)

PORTUGAL (0) 1
(Pepe 55)

Fisht Stadium, Sochi. Att: 44,287. Ref: Ramos (Mex)

No joy...Uruguay stop Cristiano Ronaldo

URUGUAY Muslera; Caceres, Gimenez, Godin, Laxalt; Nandez (Sanchez 81), Torreira, Bentancur (Rodriguez 63), Vecino; Suarez, Cavani (Stuani 74)

PORTUGAL Patricio; Ricardo, Pepe, Fonte, Guerreiro; Adrien Silva (Quaresma 65), Carvalho; B Silva, Guedes (Andre Silva 74), Joao Mario (M Fernandes 84); Ronaldo
■ Ronaldo 90+3

EURO CHAMPS GO OUT

Edinson Cavani scores two outstanding goals to send the European champions out of the tournament. Uruguay take the lead after some brilliant combination play between Cavani and his strike partner, Luis Suarez, and the pair work hard throughout. Portugal begin the second half with more purpose and become the first side to score against Uruguay. This prompts Portugal's best spell of the game, but Uruguay regain their compact shape and Cavani adds a second before limping off with a hamstring problem. Uruguay defend their lead stoically as Portugal fail to find a way through.

GOALS

1-0 Edinson Cavani plays a crossfield pass to Luis Suarez on the left flank. He then crosses for Cavani to head in.
1-1 A short corner catches Uruguay out and an unmarked Pepe leaps to head in Raphael Guerreiro's cross.
2-1 From a goal kick, Rodrigo Bentancur plays a weighted pass to Cavani, who bends his shot inside Rio Patricio's far post.

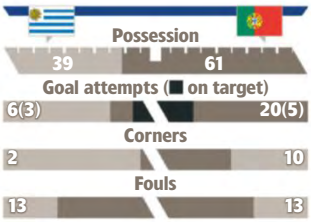
TALKING POINT

Cristiano Ronaldo once again failed to score in a World Cup knockout stage game. He did not have a single touch of the ball inside the area in the first half while his only shot on target in the entire game was a low effort from distance that was straight at Fernando Muslera.

MATTER OF FACT

Cristiano Ronaldo equalled Bastian Schweinsteiger's record of 38 appearances in World Cup and Euro finals combined, while Pepe – at 35 years and 124 days – became Portugal's oldest goalscorer in a major tournament.

"Cristiano still has a lot to give to football and I hope he will stay to help the young players grow and develop. We have a team with many young players and of course we all want him there with us"
Portugal coach Fernando Santos



JULY 1

SPAIN (1) 1
(Ignashevich og 12)

RUSSIA (1) 1
(Dzyuba pen 41)

aet; Russia won 4-3 on penalties

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow. Att: 78,011. Ref: Kuipers (Hol)

SPAIN De Gea; Nacho (Carvajal 70), Pique, Ramos, Alba; Koke, Busquets; Asensio (Rodrigo 104), Silva (Iniesta 67), Isco; Costa (Aspas 80)
■ Pique 40

RUSSIA Akinfeev; Fernandes, Kutepov, Ignashevich, Kudryashov, Zhirkov (Granat 46); Samedov (Cheryshev 61), Zobnin, Kuzyayev (Yerokhin 97), Golovin; Dzyuba (Smolov 65)
■ Kutepov 54, Zobnin 71

PENALTIES (Spain first)			
Iniesta	1-0	1-1	Smolov
Pique	2-1	2-2	Ignashevich
Koke (saved)	2-2	2-3	Golovin
Ramos	3-3	3-4	Cheryshev
Aspas (saved)	3-4		

SPAIN STUNNED BY HOSTS
Igor Akinfeev is Russia's shoot-out hero as he saves two penalties to knock out Spain. Although Russia start nervously and fall a goal behind, Spain's passing lacks penetration and they hand Russia a lifeline when Gerard Pique handles at a corner shortly before half-time. The introduction of Andres Iniesta and others from the bench gives Spain more edge, but Russia hold on for a shoot-out.

TALKING POINT
Spain had strong grounds for a penalty in extra time when Gerard Pique and Sergio Ramos were held at a corner, but their claims were rejected after a VAR consultation.

MATTER OF FACT
Both teams took advantage of new rules to become the first countries to make four substitutions in a World Cup match.

Joy...Russia celebrate

GOALS
1-0 Sergei Ignashevich, who is fouling Sergio Ramos, turns Marco Asensio's free-kick into his own net.
1-1 Gerard Pique handles at a Russian corner and Artem Dzyuba converts the penalty.

"Sometimes the endings are not as one dreams. It is the saddest day of my career"
Andres Iniesta announces his international retirement

	Spain	Russia
Possession	74%	26%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	25(9)	6(1)
Corners	6	5
Fouls	5	19

JULY 1

CROATIA (1) 1
(Mandzukic 4)

DENMARK (1) 1
(M Jorgensen 1)

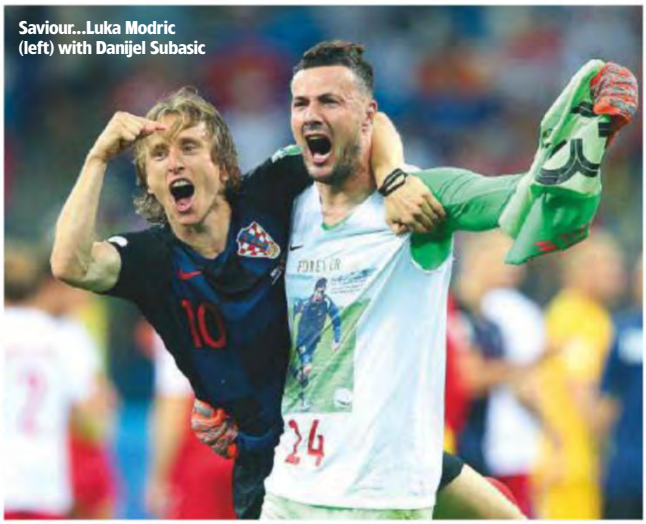
aet; Croatia won 3-2 on penalties

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod. Att: 40,851. Ref: Pitana (Arg)

CROATIA Subasic; Vrsaljko, Lovren, Vida, Strinic (Pivaric 81); Modric, Brozovic (Kovacic 71), Rakitic; Rebic, Mandzukic (Badelj 108), Perisic (Kramaric 97)

DENMARK Schmeichel; Knudsen, Kjaer, M Jorgensen, Dalsgaard; Christensen (Schone 46), Delaney (Krohn-Dehli 98); Poulsen, Eriksen, Braithwaite (Sisto 105); Cornelius (N Jorgensen 66)
■ M Jorgensen 114

PENALTIES (Denmark first)			
Eriksen (post)	0-0	0-0	Badelj (saved)
Kjaer	1-0	1-1	Kramaric
Krohn-Dehli	2-1	2-2	Modric
Schone (saved)	2-2	2-2	Pivaric (saved)
Jorgensen (saved)	2-2	2-3	Rakitic


Saviour...Luka Modric (left) with Danijel Subasic

KEEPERS ON TOP
Croatia hold their nerve in a penalty shoot-out after two early goals – Denmark's after just 57 seconds – before two evenly matched teams cancel each other out. With five minutes remaining, Andrej Kramaric plays in Luka Modric, who is fouled by Mathias Jorgensen. But Kasper Schmeichel saves Modric's spot-kick – and he saves two more Croatian efforts in the shoot-out. Danijel Subasic, however, saves three as Croatia progress.

GOALS
0-1 Mathias Jorgensen stabs home after Jonas Knudsen's long throw from the right causes confusion in the box.
1-1 Mario Mandzukic takes advantage of a defensive mix-up to fire home.

TALKING POINT
It was a curious game for Luka Modric. For much of the time he was deployed very deep and was unable to control the midfield. He then missed a penalty that would have won the game in extra-time but held his nerve in the shoot-out to help send Croatia into the quarter-finals.

"I don't think we had any luck. I don't think the referee liked us today"
Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel

	Croatia	Denmark
Possession	53%	47%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	22(7)	15(3)
Corners	5	4
Fouls	5	19

ROUND OF 16

JULY 2

BRAZIL (0) 2
(Neymar 51, Firmino 88)

MEXICO (0) 0

Samara Arena, Samara. Att: 41,970. Ref: Rocchi (Ita)

BRAZIL Alisson; Fagner, Silva, Miranda, Filipe Luis; Paulinho (Fernandinho 80), Casemiro, Coutinho (Firmino 86); Willian (Marquinhos 90+1), Jesus, Neymar
■ Filipe Luis 43, Casemiro 59

MEXICO Ochoa; Alvarez (J Dos Santos 55), Ayala, Salcedo, Gallardo; Herrera, Marquez (Layun 46), Guardado; Lozano, Hernandez (Jimenez 60), Vela
■ Alvarez 38, Herrera 55, Salcedo 77, Guardado 90+2

BOTH SIDES OF NEYMAR

Brazil step up a gear to see off Mexico in the intense heat of Samara. Mexico play their part in an enthralling encounter but exit the tournament at the last-16 stage for a seventh successive time. Mexico begin brightly and Brazil struggle to cope with their heavy pressing in the first half. But after Neymar opens up their defence for the breakthrough goal, Mexico fade as their exertions in the final group defeat to Sweden catch up with them. During the game Neymar is heavily criticised for his play-acting.

Ridicule...Neymar goes down again

GOALS

1-0 Neymar draws the Mexico defence out of position with a dangerous run, backheels the ball to Willian and then meets his team-mate's cross-shot.

2-0 Neymar stabs a shot past Ochoa, who gets a hand to it, but Roberto Firmino follows up and gets the final touch.

TALKING POINT

Neymar's brilliance won the game for Brazil but he earned ridicule for his over-reaction to Miguel Layun's touchline foul.

MATER OF FACT

Rafa Marquez became the first player to captain a team in a match in five different World Cups: 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018.

"I'm here to win. I hope I can improve always"
Brazil's Neymar

	Brazil	Mexico
Possession	46%	54%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	21(10)	13(1)
Corners	8	7
Fouls	6	18

JULY 2

BELGIUM (0) 3
(Vertonghen 69, Fellaini 74, Chadli 90+4)

JAPAN (0) 2
(Haraguchi 48, Inui 52)

Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don. Att: 41,466. Ref: Diedhiou (Sen)

BELGIUM Courtois; Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen; Meunier, De Bruyne, Witsel, Carrasco (Chadli 65); Mertens (Fellaini 65), Lukaku, E Hazard

JAPAN Kawashima; H Sakai, Yoshida, Shoji, Nagatomo; Hasebe, Shibasaki (Yamaguchi 81); Haraguchi (Honda 81), Kagawa, Inui; Osako
■ Shibasaki 40

BELGIUM PRODUCE A STUNNING RECOVERY

Belgium stage one of the most astonishing comebacks ever seen at a World Cup to recover from 2-0 down to win 3-2. Japan surprise Belgium in the first half by pressing high up the pitch, and fears that they might not sustain their level of pressure after the break are blown away with two goals in four minutes. After Eden Hazard hits a post and Romelu Lukaku heads wide from close range, it looks as if Belgium are going out. But a double substitution restores balance to their midfield in a breathtaking final half-hour. Despite losing their two-goal lead, Japan push for a winner until the end, opening themselves up for the counter-attack, from which Belgium score with the last move of the game.

GOALS

0-1 Genki Haraguchi in the right-hand channel runs on to a pass played inside Jan Vertonghen and fires home.

0-2 A backheel from Shinji Kagawa gives Takeshi Inui space on the edge of the area to fire home an unstoppable shot.

1-2 Japan fail to clear a high ball which falls to Jan Vertonghen, who sends a looping header back across goal and inside the far post.

2-2 Marouane Fellaini heads in Eden Hazard's cross.

3-2 A box-to-box counter-attack, started by Kevin De Bruyne following a Japan corner, ends with Romelu Lukaku dummying Thomas Meunier's cross for Nacer Chadli.

TALKING POINT

Belgium coach Roberto Martinez made crucial substitutions that changed the game. Marouane Fellaini brought more physicality to the Belgian midfield, allowing Kevin De Bruyne to play further forward, while Nacer Chadli scored the dramatic winner.

MATTER OF FACT

The last time a side came from 2-0 down to win in the knockout stage in normal time was West Germany against Hungary in the 1954 Final.

"I don't want to admit it. I do feel that it was a tragedy but I have to accept the defeat as a fact"
Japan coach Akira Nishino

Fightback... Romelu Lukaku

	Belgium	Japan
Possession	56%	44%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	24(8)	11(4)
Corners	10	6
Fouls	13	9

JULY 3

SWEDEN (0) 1
(Forsberg 67)

SWITZERLAND (0) 0

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg. Att: 64,042. Ref: Skomina (Sln)

Tough...Sweden's Emil Forsberg (left) battles with Valon Behrami

SWEDEN Olsen; Lustig (Krafth 82), Lindelof, Granqvist, Augustinsson; Claesson, Svensson, Ekdal, Forsberg (Olsson 82); Berg (Kiese Thelin 90+1), Toivonen
■ Lustig 31

SWITZERLAND Sommer; Lang, Djourou, Akanji, Rodriguez; Behrami, Xhaka; Shaqiri, Dzemaili (Embolo 73), Zuber (Seferovic 73); Drmic
■ Behrami 61, Xhaka 68
■ Lang 90+4

SWEDISH WIN LACKS SPARKLE

Sweden reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 1994 in a game that features lots of endeavour and defensive discipline but little in the way of goalmouth sparkle. Both teams are guilty of missing chances, with Marcus Berg and Albin Ekdal profligate for Sweden, while Blerim Dzemaili puts Switzerland's best chance wide. With defences on top, it needs a stroke of luck for either side to make the breakthrough, and it comes midway through the second half when Emil Forsberg's speculative shot takes a heavy deflection for the only goal of the game. As the Swiss push for an equaliser Sweden break away in stoppage time and almost score a second, as Michael Lang is sent off for a push on Martin Olsson, but VAR rules it outside the area.

GOAL

1-0 Emil Forsberg feints past Granit Xhaka on the edge of the area and his low shot deflects off Manuel Akanji into the net.

TALKING POINT

Although Switzerland had the technically superior players, Sweden showed a collective will to win when it mattered most.

MATTER OF FACT

Switzerland have never won a World Cup knockout game, suffering elimination in all seven matches, and failing to score in their last four last-16 games – in 1994, 2006, 2014 and 2018.

"We should have done better but were simply below par and not good enough to win the game. There was something missing in that match from us"
Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovic

	Sweden	Switzerland
Possession	37%	63%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	12(3)	18(4)
Corners	3	11
Fouls	11	13

JULY 3

COLOMBIA (0) 1
(Mina 90+3)

ENGLAND (0) 1
(Kane pen 57)

aet; England won 4-3 on penalties

Spartak Stadium, Moscow. Att: 44,190. Ref: Geiger (USA)

COLOMBIA Ospina; Arias (Zapata 116), Mina, D Sanchez, Mojica; Barrios, C Sanchez (Uribe 79), Lerma (Bacca 62); Juan Cuadrado, Quintero (Muriel 88), Falcao
■ Barrios 41, Arias 52, C Sanchez 54, Falcao 63, Bacca 64, Juan Cuadrado 118

ENGLAND Pickford; Walker (Rashford 113), Stones, Maguire; Trippier, Alli (Dier 81), Henderson, Lingard, Young (Rose 102); Sterling (Vardy 88), Kane
■ Henderson 56, Lingard 69

DIER DELIVERS FROM THE SPOT

England win a World Cup penalty shoot-out for the first time, beating a South American side that, without the injured James Rodriguez, is content to frustrate and provoke where possible. Colombia offer little in the way of attacking threat but they do manage to claim an unexpected stoppage-time equaliser through Yerry Mina to cancel out Harry Kane's opener – his third successful penalty of the tournament. Colombia's second-half substitutions mean they go into extra-time with a much more attacking outlook than they started with, but England come closest to avoiding the shoot-out as late chances fall to Danny Rose and Eric Dier. And it is Dier who then holds his nerve to score the decisive penalty after misses by Jordan Henderson, Mateus Uribe and Carlos Bacca.

GOALS

0-1 Harry Kane coolly strokes his penalty down the middle after Carlos Sanchez wrestles him to the ground at a corner.

1-1 Yerry Mina scores with an unmarked header from a corner after Jordan Pickford saves brilliantly from Mateus Uribe.

PENALTIES (Colombia first)			
Falcao	1-0	1-1	Kane
Cuadrado	2-1	2-2	Rashford
Muriel	3-2	3-2	Henderson (saved)
Uribe (crossbar)	3-2	3-3	Trippier
Bacca (saved)	3-3	4-3	Dier

MATTER OF FACT

Harry Kane became the first player to score in six consecutive England appearances since Tommy Lawton in 1939.

Done it...the reaction to Eric Dier's winner

TALKING POINT

American referee Mark Geiger appeared to be in danger of losing control of the game after he showed Wilmar Barrios a yellow card rather than a red following a headbutt on Jordan Henderson.

	Colombia	England
Possession	48%	52%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	14(4)	16(2)
Corners	3	7
Fouls	23	13

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GROUP A

JUNE 14

RUSSIA (2)5
(Gazinsky 12, Cheryshev 43, 90+1, Dzyuba 71, Golovin 90+4)

SAUDI ARABIA (0)0

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
Att: 78,011 Ref: Pitana (Arg)

RUSSIA Akinfeev; Fernandes, Kutepov, Ignashevich, Zhirkov; Gazinsky, Zobnin; Samedov (Kuzyayev 64), Dzagoev (Cheryshev 24), Golovin; Smolov (Dzyuba 70)
■ Golovin 88

SAUDI ARABIA Al Mayouf; Al Breik, Osama Hawsawi, Omar Hawsawi, Al Shahrani; Al Dawsari, Otayf (Al Muwallad 64), Al Faraj, Al Jassim, Al Shehri (Bahebri 72); Al Sahlawi (Assiri 85)
■ Al Jassim 90+3

HOSTS OFF TO A FLIER

Russia record the biggest opening-game win since Italy beat USA 7-1 in 1934, thrashing Saudi Arabia in front of state president Vladimir Putin and FIFA dignitaries. The hosts had failed to win

Dream start...Roman Zobnin (left) and Artem Dzyuba

in their previous seven warm-up games, but any fears they would be embarrassed in front of a global TV audience are dispelled by an early goal and they go on to capitalise on some shocking defending by the Saudis, who were back in the World Cup for the first time since 2006.

GOALS

1-0 Unmarked Yury Gazinsky heads home Aleksandr Golovin's cross after the Saudis only partially clear a free-kick.
2-0 On as a sub, Denis Cheryshev evades the Saudi defence and prods home after being played in following a quick counter-attack.
3-0 Just 89 seconds after coming on as a substitute, Artem Dzyuba powerfully heads in a Golovin cross.
4-0 Cheryshev runs on to a Dzyuba knockdown and powers home an unstoppable shot with the outside of his left boot.
5-0 Golovin curls a brilliant free-kick around the Saudi wall.

	Russia	Saudi Arabia
Possession	40%	60%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	13(7)	6(0)
Corners	6	2
Fouls	22	10

JUNE 15

EGYPT (0)0

URUGUAY (0)1
(Gimenez 89)

Ekaterinburg Arena, Ekaterinburg
Att: 27,015 Ref: Kuipers (Hol)

EGYPT El Shenawy; Fathy, Hegazi, Gabr, Abdel-Shafy; Hamed (Morsy 50), Elneny; Warda (Sobhi 82), Said, Trezeguet; Mohsen (Kahraba 63)
■ Morsy 90+4, Hegazi 90+6

URUGUAY Muslera; Varela, Godin, Gimenez, Caceres; Nandez (Sanchez 58), Bentancur, Vecino (Torreira 87), De Arrascaeta (Rodriguez 59); Suarez, Cavani

SOUTH AMERICANS SNATCH LATE GOAL

Uruguay win their opening game at a World Cup for first time since 1970. Luis Suarez looks below-par, putting an excellent first-half chance into the side netting, while Edinson Cavani is twice denied late on. Eventually it is a defender, Jose Gimenez, who makes the late breakthrough.

GOALS

1-0 Jose Gimenez rises above Ahmed Hegazi and two other Egyptian defenders to head in Carlos Sanchez's free-kick.

TALKING POINT

On the day of his 26th birthday, Mohamed Salah, who was injured in the Champions League Final playing for Liverpool against Real Madrid, failed to recover in time to play in Egypt's opening game. His presence would have given the Egyptians a much greater threat in attack and forced Uruguay onto the back foot.

"You are asking me what happened to Suarez because he didn't play very well. I don't know what happened. I will not speculate. I've seen Messi, Pele, Maradona not having a good day, not playing to potential in matches. This is not a sin"
Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez

On the up... Jose Gimenez

	Egypt	Uruguay
Possession	43%	57%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	8(3)	14(4)
Corners	0	5
Fouls	12	6

JUNE 19

RUSSIA (0)3
(Fathy og 47, Cheryshev 59, Dzyuba 62)

EGYPT (0)1
(Salah pen 73)

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg
Att: 64,468 Ref: Caceres (Par)

RUSSIA Akinfeev; Fernandes, Kutepov, Ignashevich, Zhirkov (Kudryashov 86); Zobnin, Gazinsky; Samedov, Golovin, Cheryshev (Kuzyayev 74); Dzyuba (Smolov 79)
■ Smolov 84

EGYPT El Shenawy; Fathy, Gabr, Hegazi, Abdel-Shafy; Hamed, Elneny (Warda 64); Salah, Said, Trezeguet (Sobhi 68); Mohsen (Kahraba 82)
■ Trezeguet 57

SALAH STRUGGLES AS RUSSIA STRIDE ON

Russia all but confirm their place in the knockout stage with a blistering quarter-hour spell at the start of the second half. Egypt's Mohamed Salah is a shadow of his usual self.

GOALS

1-0 Ahmed Fathy, trying to get to the ball ahead of Artem Dzyuba, turns a shot from Roman Zobnin into his own net.
2-0 Mario Fernandes makes a late run into the

Stopped ...no way through for Egypt's Mohamed Salah

box and crosses for Denis Cheryshev to score.
3-0 Dzyuba chests down a long ball, turns Ali Gabr and fires home.
3-1 Mohamed Salah converts the penalty after being pulled down.

MATTER OF FACT

Russia bettered the record of hosts Italy in 1934 by scoring eight goals and conceding one in their first two games – Italy drew with Spain 1-1 after their opening 7-1 win.

"Whether I will continue with the team or not we have to see. We will try to finish this World Cup in the best possible manner"
Egypt coach Hector Cuper

	Russia	Egypt
Possession	46%	54%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	11(3)	13(1)
Corners	7	4
Fouls	11	10

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
URUGUAY	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
RUSSIA	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
SAUDI ARABIA	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
EGYPT	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

JUNE 20

URUGUAY (1) 1
(Suarez 23)

SAUDI ARABIA (0) 0

Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don
Att: 42,678 Ref: Turpin (Fra)

URUGUAY Muslera; Varela, Gimenez, Godin, Caceres; Sanchez (Nandez 82), Vecino (Torreira 59), Bentancur, Rodriguez (Laxalt 59); Suarez, Cavani

SAUDI ARABIA Al Owais; Al Breik, Osama Hawsawi, Al Bulaihi, Al Shahrani; Bahebri (Kanno 75), Al Faraj, Otayf, Al Jassim (Al Mogahwi 44), Al Dawsari; Al Muwallad (Al Sahlawi 78)

LA CELESTE GO THROUGH

Uruguay join Russia in the knockout stage after grinding out a result against Saudi Arabia. Luis Suarez takes the one opportunity that comes his way but it is not the rout that many predicted as Saudi Arabia are much improved from the team that had surrendered five goals to Russia five days earlier.

GOALS

1-0 A tap-in for the unmarked Luis Suarez after Saudi keeper Mohammed Al Owais flaps at and misses a corner.

TALKING POINT

Saudi coach Juan Antonio Pizzi rang the changes after the hammering by Russia and their general performance was much better.

MATTER OF FACT

Luis Suarez became the sixth player to make 100 appearances for Uruguay and scored his 52nd goal. He is also the first Uruguayan to score at three World Cups (2010, 2014 and 2018).

"Suarez was better than in the first game. He worked for the team, made the goal and is a player who is very generous with the team in his work ethic"
Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez

Third...Edinson Cavani (left) stabs home

JUNE 25

URUGUAY (2) 3
(Suarez 10, Cheryshev og 23, Cavani 90)

RUSSIA (0)

Samara Arena, Samara
Att: 41,970 Ref: Diedhiou (Sen)

URUGUAY Muslera; Caceres, Godin, Coates, Laxalt; Nandez (Rodriguez 73), Vecino, Torreira, Bentancur (De Arrascaeta 63); Suarez, Cavani (Gomez 90+4)
■ Bentancur 62

RUSSIA Akinfeev; Smolnikov, Kutepov, Ignashevich, Kudryashov; Zobnin, Gazinsky (Kuzyayev 46); Samedov, Al Miranchuk (Smolov 60), Cheryshev (Fernandes 38); Dzyuba
■ Gazinsky 9, Smolnikov 27, 36
■ Smolnikov 36

HOSTS BEATEN AND FINISH SECOND

After edging out lesser opponents in Egypt and Saudi Arabia in their opening two games, Uruguay turn on the style to beat Russia and top the group. It is a more attack-minded performance from Uruguay, who are helped by Igor Smolnikov's first-half sending-off.

GOALS

1-0 Luis Suarez manages to fire a low free-kick through a gap created at the end of the wall after Rodrigo Bentancur is fouled by Yury Gazinsky on the edge of the area.
2-0 Russia clear a corner as far as Diego Laxalt, whose speculative shot takes a deflection off Denis Cheryshev and goes past Igor Akinfeev.
3-0 Edinson Cavani stabs home from close range after Diego Godin manages to head down a corner.

JUNE 25

SAUDI ARABIA (1) 2
(Al Faraj pen 45+6, Al Dawsari 90+5)

EGYPT (1) 1
(Salah 22)

Volgograd Arena, Volgograd
Att: 36,823 Ref: Roldan (Col)

SAUDI ARABIA Al Mosailem; Al Breik, Os Hawsawi, M Hawsawi, Al Shahrani; Bahebri (Assiri 65), Al Faraj, Otayf, Al Mogahwi, Al Dawsari; Al Muwallad (Al Shehri 79)

EGYPT El Hadary; Fathy, Gabr, Hegazi, Abdel-Shafy; Elneny, Hamed; Salah, Said (Warda 45+7), Trezeguet (Kahraba 81); Mohsen (Sobhi 64)
■ Ali Gabr 45+5, Fathy 86

Late show...Saudi Arabia celebrate

SAUDIS END BARREN RUN

In a dead rubber, Saudi Arabia win their first World Cup match since 1994. It is a disappointing end to the tournament for Egypt, for whom their veteran, record-breaking keeper Essam El Hadary saves a first-half penalty.

GOALS

0-1 Mohamed Salah controls a long ball and lobs the keeper.
1-1 Salman Al Faraj converts a penalty after Fahad Al Muwallad is pulled back.
2-1 Salem Al Dawsari finds time and space in the area to drill home a low shot. 2-1

MATTER OF FACT

Egypt's 45-year-old goalkeeper Essam El Hadary became the oldest player to feature at a World Cup – and celebrated his monumental achievement by saving a penalty from Fahad Al Muwallad.

"I don't think it's true because all of those who are here – and those who couldn't come – really, really support and appreciate the opportunity of playing for the national team"
Egypt coach Hector Cuper plays down rumours that Mohamed Salah will quit the national team

	Uruguay	Saudi Arabia
Possession	47%	53%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	13 (6)	8(3)
Corners	3	4
Fouls	10	13

	Uruguay	Russia
Possession	56%	44%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	17 (7)	3 (1)
Corners	4	2
Fouls	17	18

	Saudi Arabia	Egypt
Possession	61%	39%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	22 (7)	8 (1)
Corners	7	2
Fouls	7	16

GROUP B

JUNE 15

MOROCCO (0) 0
IRAN (0) 1
(Bouhaddouz og 90+5)

Saint-Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg
Att: 62,548 Ref: Cakir (Tur)

MOROCCO Munir; Hakimi, Benatia, Saiss; Boussoufa, Ziyech, El Ahmadi (S Amrabat 76), Harit (Da Costa 82); N Amrabat, El Kaabi (Bouhaddouz 77), Belhanda
■ El Ahmadi 34
IRAN Beiranvand; Rezaeian, Cheshmi, Pouraliganji; Ansarifard, Ebrahimi (Hosseini 81), Hajsafi, Shojaei (Taremi 68); Jahanbakhsh (Ghoddos 85), Azmoun, Amiri
■ Shojaei 10, Jahanbakhsh 47, Ansarifard 90+2

LATE OWN-GOAL HEARTBREAK

Iran secure their first victory at a World Cup since 1998 as Moroccan sub Aziz Bouhaddouz heads into his own net with virtually the last touch of the game. It was a heartbreaking outcome for the north Africans at the end of a week in which they lost their bid to host the 2026 finals.

GOAL

1-0 Aziz Bouhaddouz is unchallenged at the near post as he heads a free-kick from the left flank into his own net.

Despair...Aziz Bouhaddouz (on ground)

TALKING POINT

Iran's goal was scored in the final seconds of the final minute of stoppage time. Five minutes had been added but it was clear the officials had been instructed to be generous with added time.

MATTER OF FACT

Iran did not have a shot in the second half and were the first team since 1966 to score in a half of a World Cup game without one attempt at goal.

"It was the worst thing that could have happened in injury time. We can only blame ourselves. We gave away a free-kick, then we scored against our own team"
Morocco coach Herve Renard

	Morocco	Iran
Possession	36%	64%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	13(3)	8(3)
Corners	5	2
Fouls	22	14

JUNE 15

PORTUGAL (2) 3
(Ronaldo pen 4, 44, 88)
SPAIN (1) 3
(Costa 24, 55, Nacho 58)

Fisht Stadium, Sochi
Att: 43,866 Ref: Rocchi (Italy)

PORTUGAL Patricio; Soares, Pepe, Fonte, Guerreiro; Moutinho, Carvalho; B Silva (Quaresma 69), Guedes (Andre Silva 80), B Fernandes (Joao Mario 68); Ronaldo
■ B Fernandes 28
SPAIN De Gea; Nacho, Pique, Ramos, Alba; Koke, Busquets, Iniesta (Thiago 70); D Silva (Vasquez 86), Isco; Costa (Aspas 77)
■ Busquets 17

RONALDO GETS HAT-TRICK IN A CLASSIC

One of the most exhilarating games ever seen in the group stage of the World Cup. Spain twice recover to cancel out Cristiano Ronaldo goals and then lead through Nacho until Ronaldo's superb free-kick with two minutes of normal time remaining.

GOALS

1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo strikes his penalty cleanly past David De Gea after he had fallen under the challenge of Nacho.

Treble... Cristiano Ronaldo

1-1 Diego Costa collects a long ball from Sergio Busquets and appears to elbow Pepe, who reacts theatrically. Costa holds off Jose Fonte, turns and shoots past Rui Patricio.
2-1 Ronaldo collects a loose ball on the edge of the area, and shoots straight and low at De Gea, who fumbles the ball into the net.
2-2 David Silva's free-kick is headed back across goal by Busquets and Costa turns in from close range.
3-2 Nacho fires home a spectacular volley from the edge of the area.
3-3 Ronaldo, who won the free-kick 20 yards out after being fouled by Gerard Pique, curls a superb shot beyond the wall and De Gea.

	Portugal	Spain
Possession	39%	61%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	8(3)	12(5)
Corners	4	5
Fouls	12	10

JUNE 20

PORTUGAL (1) 1
(Ronaldo 4)
MOROCCO (0) 0

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
Att: 78,011 Ref: Geiger (USA)

PORTUGAL Patricio; Soares, Pepe, Fonte, Guerreiro; B Silva (Martins 59), Carvalho, Moutinho (Adrien Silva 89), Joao Mario (B Fernandes 70); Guedes, Ronaldo
■ Adrien Silva 90+2

MOROCCO Munir; Dirar, Benatia, Da Costa, Hakimi; El Ahmadi (Fajr 86), Boussoufa; N Amrabat, Belhanda (Carcela 75), Ziyech; Boutaib (El Kaabi 69)
■ Benatia 40

MOROCCO HEADING OUT

Another game, another goal for Cristiano Ronaldo, whose record-breaking early header was enough for Portugal to see off an energetic Morocco side who can consider themselves desperately unlucky to be going out.

GOAL

1-0 An unmarked Cristiano Ronaldo stoops to head home a corner from six yards out. The set-piece had been worked short, allowing Bernardo Silva to whip in a looping cross.

Unlucky... Morocco go out

TALKING POINT

Goalscorer Cristiano Ronaldo was named as the official man of the match, but any number of Morocco's players – particularly Younes Belhanda and Hakim Ziyach – would have been more deserving of the award.

MATTER OF FACT

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 85th goal for his country, eclipsing the total of Hungary's Ferenc Puskas to become Europe's all-time leading international goalscorer.

"We qualified for a World Cup after 20 years and showed we can play football"
Morocco's Herve Renard

	Portugal	Morocco
Possession	46%	54%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	10(2)	16(4)
Corners	5	7
Fouls	19	23

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SPAIN	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
PORTUGAL	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
IRAN	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
MOROCCO	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

20 JUNE

IRAN (0) 0
SPAIN (0) 1
(Costa 54)

Kazan Arena, Kazan
Att: 42,718 Ref: Cunha (Uru)

IRAN Beiranvand; Rezaeian, Hosseini, Pouraliganji, Hajsafi (Mohammadi 69); Ebrahimi, Ezatolahi; Ansarifard (Jahanbakhsh 74), Taremi, Amiri (Ghoddos 86); Azmoun
■ Amiri 79, Ebrahimi 90+2

SPAIN De Gea; Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba; Busquets, Iniesta (Koke 71); Silva, Isco, Vazquez (Asensio 79); Costa (Rodrigo 89)

IRAN DENIED

A freak goal from Diego Costa is enough to see off the dogged resistance of Iran and a boisterous crowd in Kazan. Spain find little space to work in during the first half but they move the ball more quickly after the break and get the breakthrough goal thanks to a fortuitous bounce off Costa. But there are notable chances for Iran, as Mehdi Taremi powers a header over the bar after Vahid Amiri had nutmegged Gerard Pique and then Saeid Ezatolahi has a goal ruled out for offside.

Under pressure... Spain's Gerard Pique (in white)

GOAL

1-0 Andres Iniesta finds space in midfield to play in Diego Costa, who is challenged by Ramin Rezaeian and the ball ricochets off his knee and past the keeper.

TALKING POINT

Saeid Ezatolahi's 85th minute goal for Iran sparked ecstatic celebrations – until VAR confirmed the linesman's offside call.

"If you think of it like tennis, we had one match point today and we will have another against Portugal. Everything is still open. We are still alive and still dreaming"
Iran coach Carlos Queiroz

	Iran	Spain
Possession	32%	68%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	5(0)	17(3)
Corners	2	6
Fouls	14	14

JUNE 25

IRAN (0) 1
(Ansarifard pen 90+3)
PORTUGAL (1) 1
(Quaresma 45

Mordovia Arena, Saransk
Att: 41,685 Ref: Caceres (Par)

IRAN Beiranvand; Rezaeian, Hosseini, Pouraliganji, Hajsafi (Mohammadi 56); Taremi, Jahanbakhsh (Ghoddos 70), Ezatolahi (Ansarifard 76), Ebrahimi, Amiri; Azmoun
■ Hajsafi 52, Azmoun 54

PORTUGAL Patricio; Soares, Pepe, Fonte, Guerreiro; Quaresma (B Silva 70), Carvalho, Adrien Silva, Joao Mario (Moutinho 85); Andre Silva (Guedes 90+6), Ronaldo
■ Guerreiro 33, Quaresma 64, Ronaldo 83, Soares 90+8

VAR IN PENALTY CONTROVERSY

Portugal reach the knockout stage despite conceding a controversial late equaliser in a game that is dominated by questionable VAR decisions. After Ricardo Quaresma puts them in front, Iran's Alireza Beiranvand saves a second-half Cristiano Ronaldo penalty and Portugal are then denied top spot in the group as Iran are awarded a questionable stoppage-time penalty.

Controversy...Sardar Azmoun heads the ball onto Cedric Soares' arm for a late penalty

GOALS

0-1 Ricardo Quaresma cuts in from the right flank, exchanges passes with Adrien Silva, and curls in a shot with the outside of his right boot.
1-1 Karim Ansarifard converts the penalty after Cedric Soares is adjudged to have handled.

TALKING POINT

Paraguayan referee Enrique Caceres made three questionable decisions, including only booking Cristiano Ronaldo for use of an elbow.

"In the rules, an elbow is a red card, it doesn't matter if it's Messi or Ronaldo"
Iran coach Carlos Queiroz on the referee's decision to only book Cristiano Ronaldo

	Iran	Portugal
Possession	33%	67%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	8(2)	14(4)
Corners	1	5
Fouls	16	10

JUNE 25

SPAIN (1) 2
(Isco 19, Aspas 90+1)
MOROCCO (1) 2
(Boutaib 13, En-Nesyri 81)

Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad
Att: 33,973 Ref: Irmatov (Uzb)

SPAIN De Gea; Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba: Busquets, Thiago (Asensio 74); Silva (Rodrigo 84), Isco, Iniesta; Costa (Aspas 74)

MOROCCO Munir; Dirar, Da Costa, Saiss, Hakimi; El Ahmadi, Boussoufa; N Amrabat, Belhanda (Fajr 64), Ziyech (Bouhaddouz 85); Boutaib (En-Nesyri 72)
■ El Ahmadi 21, N Amrabat 29, Da Costa 31, Boussoufa 31, Munir 88, Hakimi 90+3

SPAIN LEAVE IT LATE

Spain top the group on goals scored thanks to a dramatic equaliser, but they are given a fright by Morocco, who expose their frailties and come within seconds of a memorable victory before a VAR review confirms Iago Aspas' goal after it was originally ruled offside.

GOALS

0-1 A mix-up between Andres Iniesta and Sergio Ramos allows Khalid Boutaib to steal

Appeal...ref Ravshan Irmatov goes to consult VAR

the ball and run through on goal.
1-1 Isco slams the ball into roof of the net.
1-2 A header from sub Youssef En-Nesyri puts Morocco back in front from their first corner.
2-2 Iago Aspas backheels in a short corner.

TALKING POINT

Morocco, who were frustrated that Gerard Pique's two-footed tackle went unpunished, collected four yellow cards in a feisty first half. Their aggressive approach surprised Spain as they took the lead twice.

MATTER OF FACT

Referee Ravshan Irmatov took charge of his 11th World Cup game, a new record.

	Spain	Morocco
Possession	68%	32%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	16(4)	6(3)
Corners	7	1
Fouls	5	17

GROUP C

JUNE 16

FRANCE (0) 2
(Griezmann pen 58, Behich og 81)
AUSTRALIA (0) 1
(Jedinak pen 62)

Kazan Arena, Kazan
Att: 41,279 Ref: Cunha (Uru)

FRANCE Lloris; Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Hernandez; Tolisso (Matuidi 78), Kante, Pogba; Mbappe, Griezmann (Giroud 70), Dembele (Fekir 70)
■ Tolisso 76

AUSTRALIA Ryan; Risdon, Milligan, Sainsbury, Behich; Jedinak, Mooy; Leckie, Rogic (Irvine 72), Kruse (Arzani 83); Nabbout (Juric 64)
■ Leckie 13, Risdon 57, Behich 87

Decision...Andres Cunha awards a penalty

HISTORIC USE OF VAR

France, despite their attacking talents, give a lacklustre performance. They lack energy but do just enough to edge past an Australia side that withstands an early flurry of pressure to settle into the game. France claim their victory with the help of video technology, with the opening goal the first to be awarded at a World Cup by VAR, and their second needing goalline technology to confirm the ball had crossed the line.

GOALS

1-0 Antoine Griezmann dispatches the penalty after VAR is consulted following his fall under a challenge from Josh Risdon.
1-1 Mile Jedinak scores from the penalty spot after an inexplicable handball by Samuel Umtiti.
2-1 Paul Pogba's shot is deflected onto the crossbar and over the line by Aziz Behich's block.

TALKING POINT

France's opening goal was the first to be awarded in the World Cup following consultation with the video referee (VAR). It was a contentious decision, with Australia claiming that Josh Risdon made contact with the ball before he fouled Antoine Griezmann. But referee Andres Cunha, alerted by the VAR, consulted with the pitchside monitor and awarded the penalty.

	France	Australia
Possession	51%	49%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	12(5)	4(1)
Corners	5	1
Fouls	16	19

JUNE 16

PERU (0) 0
DENMARK (0) 1
(Poulsen 59)

Mordovia Arena, Saransk
Att: 40,502 Ref: Gassama (Gambia)

PERU Gallese; Advincula, Rodriguez, Ramos, Trauco; Tapia (Aquino 87), Yotun; Carrillo, Cueva, Flores (Guerrero 63); Farfan (Ruidiaz 85)
■ Tapia 38

DENMARK Schmeichel; Dalsgaard, Kjaer, Christensen (M Jorgensen 81), Stryger Larsen; Kvist (Schone 35), Eriksen, Delaney; Poulsen, N Jorgensen, Sisto (Braithwaite 67)
■ Delaney 86, Poulsen 90+3

PERU PAY THE PENALTY

Peru impress in their first game in the World Cup for 36 years, but Christian Cueva's penalty miss on the eve of half-time allows Denmark to grind out a result, thanks to a clever counter-attack led by Christian Eriksen. Denmark's defence resists a late wave of Peruvian attacks as Jefferson Farfan, Andre Carillo and Paolo Guerrero all go close.

GOAL

1-0 A swift counter-attack sees Yussuf Poulsen shoot past Peru keeper Pedro Gallese.

TALKING POINT

An estimated 40,000 Peru fans travelled to Russia to support their team in their first World Cup appearance since 1982. They considerably outnumbered the Danish supporters in Saransk.

MATTER OF FACT

Kasper Schmeichel kept a clean sheet in his first World Cup game, matching his father Peter, who only managed one clean sheet in his five World Cup appearances.

"We knew we would have great support, but we didn't think there would be so many people having to travel so far"
Peru coach Ricardo Gareca

Counter... Yussuf Poulsen

	Peru	Denmark
Possession	52%	48%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	18(6)	10(3)
Corners	3	7
Fouls	10	18

JUNE 21

DENMARK (1) 1
(Eriksen 7)
AUSTRALIA (1) 1
(Jedinak pen 38)

Samara Arena, Samara
Att: 40,727 Ref: Lahoz (Spa)

DENMARK Schmeichel; Dalsgaard, Kjaer, Christensen, Stryger Larsen; Delaney, Schone; Poulsen (Braithwaite 59), Eriksen, Sisto; N Jorgensen (Cornelius 68)
■ Poulsen 37, Sisto 84

AUSTRALIA Ryan; Risdon, Sainsbury, Milligan, Behich; Jedinak, Mooy; Leckie, Rogic (Irvine 82), Kruse (Arzani 69); Nabbout (Juric 75)

DANES RUE VAR YET AGAIN

Denmark have a penalty awarded against them by VAR for the second successive game as Mile Jedinak's spot-kick cancels out Christian

Harsh...the ball hits Yussuf Poulsen's arm

Eriksen's early strike. Denmark fail to build on their opener and Australia are the better side in the second half but they can't find a winner.

GOALS

1-0 Without breaking stride, Christian Eriksen runs on to meet Nicolai Jorgensen's clever lay-off and lashes a low volley past Mat Ryan.
1-1 Mile Jedinak calmly converts the penalty after Yussuf Poulsen is judged to have handled.

TALKING POINT

Spanish referee Antonio Mateu waived away Australian appeals for a penalty after the ball struck Yussuf Poulsen's arm at a corner. But VAR suggested a review and a penalty was awarded. It was a harsh decision as Poulsen was only inches away from Matthew Leckie's header.

"If you want to use it for pens, you should also use for free-kicks. Two in a row? That is bitter!"
Christian Eriksen, who felt Denmark should have had a foul in the build-up to Australia's penalty

	Denmark	Australia
Possession	48%	52%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	10(5)	14(5)
Corners	3	5
Fouls	6	5

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
FRANCE	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
DENMARK	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
PERU	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
AUSTRALIA	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

JUNE 21

FRANCE (1) 1
(Mbappe 34)
PERU (0) 0

Ekaterinburg Arena, Yekaterinburg
Att: 32,789 Ref: Mohamed (UAE)

FRANCE Lloris; Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Hernandez; Kante, Pogba (Nzonzi 89); Mbappe (Dembele 75), Griezmann (Fekir 80), Matuidi; Giroud
■ Matuidi 15, Pogba 86

PERU Gallese; Advincula, Ramos, Rodriguez (Santamaria 46), Trauco; Aquino, Yotun (Farfan 46); Carrillo, Cueva (Ruidiaz 82), Flores; Guerrero
■ Guerrero 23, Aquino 81

LES BLEUS YOUNGSTER ENDS PERU DREAM

France do just enough to knock out Peru and secure their own passage to the knockout stage. They are far from convincing, however, while Peru deserve more for their positive approach. Olivier Giroud, brought in to be more of a focal point for the French attack, sets up Kylian Mbappe's goal, while the ineffective Antoine Griezmann drops deeper. Jefferson Farfan's introduction at half-time adds to Peru's attacking options and for much of the remainder of the game they push a subdued France back into their own half but lack the cutting edge required to keep them in the tournament.

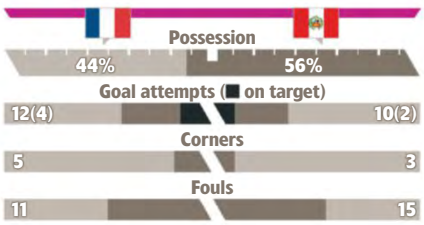
Pleased...Kylian Mbappe (right) with Antoine Griezmann

GOAL

1-0 Paul Pogba plays in Olivier Giroud, whose cross-shot is tapped in by Kylian Mbappe.

MATTER OF FACT

Kylian Mbappe, aged 19 years and six months, became France's youngest goalscorer at the finals of a major tournament.



JUNE 26

DENMARK (0) 0
FRANCE (0) 0

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
Att: 78,011 Ref: Ricci (Bra)

DENMARK Schmeichel; Dalsgaard, Kjaer, M Jorgsensen, Stryger Larsen; Christensen; Braithwaite, Eriksen, Delaney (Lerager 90+2), Sisto (Fischer 60); Cornelius (Dolberg 75)
■ M Jorgensen 45+3

FRANCE Mandanda; Sidibe, Kimpembe, Varane, Hernandez (Mendy 50); Kante, N'Zonzi; Dembele (Mbappe 78), Griezmann (Fekir 69), Lemar; Giroud

DULL DRAW SUITS BOTH SIDES

A frustrating encounter ends with boos and whistles ringing around the stadium as those present express indignation at both teams' *laissez-faire* attitude. However, the stalemate suits both sides, with France taking top spot and the Danes finishing as runners-up. There are few goalmouth moments as France, with a virtual B team, struggle to break down Denmark's defensive wall. When Antoine Griezmann does find a way through to goal, bursting away on a counter-attack, Mathias Jorgensen fouls him for the game's only yellow card.

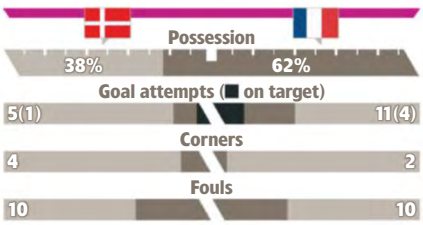
Boring ...fans were not happy

TALKING POINT

France coach Didier Deschamps made multiple changes to his starting line-up but the attacking innovations – notably Thomas Lemar and Ousmane Dembele – made little use of their opportunity. Denmark's defensive set-up included centre-back Andreas Christensen deployed in central midfield in a bid for the point needed to reach the knockout stage.

MATTER OF FACT

This encounter ended the tournament's 36-game run without a goalless game.



JUNE 26

AUSTRALIA (0) 0
PERU (1) 2
(Carrillo 18, Guerrero 50)

Fisht Stadium, Sochi
Att: 44,073 Ref: Karasev (Russia)

AUSTRALIA Ryan; Risdon, Sainsbury, Milligan, Behich; Jedinak, Mooy; Leckie, Rogic (Irvine 72), Kruse (Arzani 58); Juric (Cahill 53)
■ Jedinak 10, Arzani 60, Rogic 66, Milligan 88

PERU Gallese; Advincula, Ramos, Santamaria, Trauco; Tapia (Hurtado 63), Yotun (Aquino 46); Carrillo (Cartagena 79), Cueva, Flores; Guerrero
■ Yotun 45, Hurtado 79

LONG WAIT IS OVER

Peru give their huge travelling army of supporters something to remember, winning a game at the World Cup finals for the first time since 1978 to end a winless run of eight games. Australia enjoy plenty of possession and apply pressure but they struggle to create real clear-cut chances. The arrival of veteran Tim Cahill and promising youngster Daniel Arzani in the second half fails to improve matters and Christian Cueva almost makes it three for Peru but hits a post late on.

GOALS

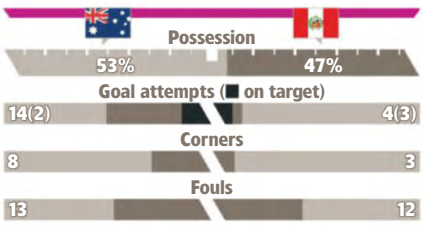
0-1 Andre Carillo volleys Paolo Guerrero's looping cross back across the face of goal.
0-2 Guerrero finds time and space in the area to dispatch his shot.

Strike...Paolo Guerrero scores the second

MATTER OF FACT

Tim Cahill is the first Australian to play at four World Cups but, given 47 minutes to find the net, he failed in his attempt to become only the fifth player to score in four finals.

"Many people made the impossible trip to be here. I am happy to give them the victory. We are proud of them"
Andre Carrillo, who scored Peru's first goal



GROUP D

JUNE 16

ARGENTINA (1) 1
(Aguero 19)
ICELAND (1) 1
(Finnbogason 23)

Spartak Stadium, Moscow
Att: 44,190 Ref: Marciniak (Pol)

ARGENTINA Caballero; Salvio, Otamendi, Rojo, Tagliafico; Mascherano, Biglia (Banega 54); Meza (Higuain 84), Messi, Di Maria (Pavon 75); Aguero

ICELAND Halldorsson; Saevarsson, Arnason, R Sigurdsson, Magnusson; J Gudmundsson (Gislason 63), Gunnarsson (A Skulason 76), Hallfredsson, Bjarnason; G Sigurdsson; Finnbogason (Sigurdarson 89)

MESSI MISSES FROM THE SPOT

Argentina's opening game ends in frustration as they are held by a disciplined Iceland side playing their first-ever World Cup match. Lionel Messi is denied a winner by Iceland keeper Hannes Halldorsson, who saves a second-half penalty and is the anchor of a defence that resists a wave of Argentina attacks.

GOALS

1-0 Sergio Aguero collects a mishit shot from

Saved...Messi's penalty miss

Marcos Rojo, turns past Ragnar Sigurdsson and fires home.

1-1 Alfred Finnbogason taps in through the legs of Nicolas Otamendi after a cross-shot from Hordur Magnusson is not cleared.

TALKING POINT

The clash of styles was highlighted by the pass-accuracy statistics. Argentina completed 92 per cent of their passes, compared to just 67 per cent for Iceland.

MATTER OF FACT

Javier Mascherano made his 144th appearance for Argentina, overtaking Javier Zanetti as their most capped player.

	Argentina	Iceland
Possession	72%	28%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	26(7)	9(3)
Corners	10	2
Fouls	10	15

JUNE 16

CROATIA (1) 2
(Etebo og 32, Modric pen 71)
NIGERIA (0) 0

Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad
Att: 31,136 Ref: Ricci (Bra)

CROATIA Subasic; Vrsaljko, Vida, Lovren, Strinic; Rakitic, Modric; Rebic (Kovacic 78), Kramaric (Brozovic 60), Perisic; Mandzukic (Pjaca 86)
■ Rakitic 30, Brozovic 89

NIGERIA Uzoho; Abdullahi, Balogun, Troost-Ekong, Idowu; Ndidi, Etebo; Moses, Mikel (Nwankwo 88), Iwobi (Musa 62); Ighalo (Iheanacho 76)
■ Troost-Ekong 70

MODRIC SETTLES MATTERS

Croatia take advantage of a lucky break in the opening half and a penalty after the interval to edge past a Nigeria side who fail to rise to the occasion. The Europeans go ahead from a

Spot on...Croatia celebrate their second goal

deflected corner as neither side offer much in the attacking third and Croatia settle matters from the penalty spot.

KEY MOMENTS

1-0 Mario Mandzukic's header from a Luka Modric corner is going wide but is deflected in by Oghenekaro Etebo.

2-0 Luka Modric drills home a penalty after William Troost-Ekong is penalised for holding back Mandzukic at a corner.

TALKING POINT

Luka Modric's penalty in the 72nd minute was Croatia's first shot on target in what was an extremely underwhelming match. Their first shot on target from open play came from Mateo Kovacic in the 93rd minute.

"A win is a win is a win. It doesn't matter how you score – what matters is that you score"
Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic

	Croatia	Nigeria
Possession	54%	46%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	11(2)	14(2)
Corners	6	5
Fouls	20	16

JUNE 21

ARGENTINA (0) 0
CROATIA (0) 3
(Rebic 53, Modric 80, Rakitic 90+1)

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod
Att: 43,319 Ref: Irmatov (Uzb)

ARGENTINA Cabellero; Mercado, Otamendi, Tagliafico; Salvio (Pavon 56), Mascherano, Perez (Dybala 68), Acuna; Messi, Aguero (Higuain 55), Meza
■ Mercado 51, Otamendi 85, Acuna 87

CROATIA Subasic; Vrsaljko, Lovren, Vida, Strinic; Rakitic, Brozovic; Rebic (Kramaric 57), Modric, Perisic (Kovacic 82); Mandzukic (Corluka 90+3)
■ Rebic 40, Mandzukic 58, Vrsaljko 67, Brozovic 90+4

CABALLERO MISTAKE IS COSTLY

Croatia sweep aside a miserable Argentina to qualify for the knockout stage as a disastrous error by Willy Caballero changes the course of the game. It is a wretched performance from Argentina, who are uncertain of coach Jorge Sampaoli's switch to a back three. Sergio Aguero is replaced as Sampaoli throws on extra attackers in Gonzalo Higuain, Cristian Pavon and Paulo Dybala in a desperate search for an equaliser. And with Lionel Messi increasingly unable to influence the game, Croatia exploit the gaps left in midfield to add further goals.

GOALS

0-1 Willy Caballero attempts to clear a backpass from Gabriel Mercado but miscues the ball to Ante Rebic who volleys past him.

0-2 Luka Modric makes some space 25 yards out and curls a shot past Caballero.

0-3 Ivan Rakitic passes the ball into the net after his initial shot is saved by Caballero.

TALKING POINT

It was a terrible mistake by Willy Caballero that gifted Ante Rebic the chance to score the opening goal but the Croatia forward was lucky to still be on the pitch after he stamped on Gabriel Mercado in the first half.

Error...Willy Caballero gifts Croatia their opener

	Argentina	Croatia
Possession	58%	42%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	10(3)	15(5)
Corners	5	2
Fouls	15	23

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
ARGENTINA	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
NIGERIA	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
ICELAND	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

JUNE 22

NIGERIA (0) 2
(Musa 49, 75)

ICELAND (0) 0

Volgograd Arena, Volgograd
Att: 40,904 Ref: Conger (NZ)

NIGERIA Uzoho; Balogun, Troost-Ekong, Omeruo; Moses, Etebo (Iwobi 90), Mikel, Ndidi, Idowu (Ebuehi 46); Musa, Iheanacho (Ighalo 85)
■ Idowu 44

ICELAND Halldorsson; Saevarsson, Arnason, R Sigurdsson (Ingason 65), Magnusson; Gislason, Gunnarsson (A Skulason 87), G Sigurdsson, Bjarnason; Bodvarsson (Sigurdarson 71), Finnbogason

SUPER EAGLES ARE TOO QUICK

Needing to win to stay in the tournament, Nigeria achieve their aim with two second-half goals from Ahmed Musa, whose blistering pace destroys Iceland's tight organisation. After an incident-free first half, Nigeria spring to life after the break. Victor Moses leads a swift counter-attack that is finished by Musa, who then outruns the Iceland defence and dispatches his second.

GOALS

1-0 From an Iceland corner, Victor Moses breaks into the Iceland half and crosses for Ahmed Musa, who controls acrobatically and then volleys home.

2-0 Musa races onto a clearance and beats Kari Arnason, before rounding the keeper and firing home.

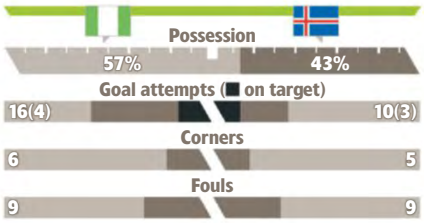
TALKING POINT

Nigeria were a side transformed from their opening game thanks to the changes made by coach Gernot Rohr. Ahmed Musa and Kelechi Iheanacho both started in a revamped 3-5-2.

MATTER OF FACT

At 19 years and 237 days, Nigeria's Francis Uzoho is the second-youngest keeper to keep a clean sheet at a World Cup, behind North Korea's Li Chan-myong against Italy in 1966.

"What I like in my young team is humility, solidarity and fighting spirit. I thought before this World Cup we were here to learn"
Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr



JUNE 26

NIGERIA (0) 1
(Moses pen 51)

ARGENTINA (1) 2
(Messi 14, Rojo 86)

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg
Att: 64,468 Ref: Cuneyt (Tur)

NIGERIA Uzoho; Balogun, Troost-Ekong, Omeruo (Iwobi 90); Moses, Etebo, Mikel, Ndidi, Idowu; Musa (Nwankwo 90+2), Iheanacho (Ighalo 46)
■ Balogun 32, Mikel 90+1

ARGENTINA Armani; Mercado, Otamendi, Rojo, Tagliafico (Aguero 80); Perez (Pavon 61), Mascherano, Banega, Di Maria (Meza 72); Messi, Higuain
■ Mascherano 50, Banega 64, Messi 90+4

Dramatic finale...Lionel Messi leaps on Marcos Rojo's back

ROJO SAVES HIS SIDE

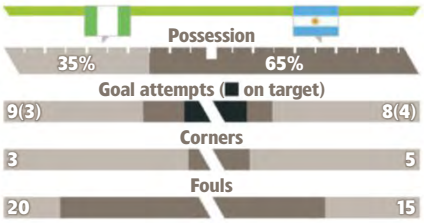
Marcos Rojo is the unexpected hero, keeping Argentina in the tournament with a late volley. It is a devastating blow for Nigeria, who are more than a match for Argentina. A refocused Lionel Messi gives Argentina the lead, but defensive mistakes allow Nigeria back in the game. As the clock ticks down to an Argentinian exit, Gonzalo Higuain puts an easy chance over the bar, while Odion Ighalo has two opportunities to put Nigeria beyond reach before Rojo's strike.

GOALS

0-1 Lionel Messi controls a long pass from Ever Banega, his second touch taking him past Kenneth Omeruo, and he then sweeps home a right-foot shot past Francis Uzoho.

1-1 Victor Moses strokes home the penalty after Javier Mascherano pulls back Leon Balogun.

1-2 Marcos Rojo stays in the opposition half after an Argentina attack breaks down and then smashes home Gabriel Mercado's cross.



JUNE 26

ICELAND (0) 1
(G Sigurdsson pen 76)

CROATIA (0) 2
(Badelj 53, Perisic 90)

Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don
Att: 43,472 Ref: Lahoz (Spa)

ICELAND Halldorsson; Saevarsson, Ingason, R Sigurdsson (Sigurdarson 70), Magnusson; Gunnarsson, Hallfredsson; J Gudmundsson, G Sigurdsson, Bjarnason (Traustason 90); Finnbogason (A Gudmundsson 85)
■ Hallfredsson 59, Finnbogason 64, Saevarsson 84

CROATIA L Kalinic; Jedvaj, Corluka, Caleta-Car, Pivaric; Modric (Bradaric 65), Badelj; Pjaca (Lovren 70), Kovacic (Rakitic 81), Perisic; Kramaric
■ Pjaca 70, Jedvaj 83

WEAKENED CROATIA TOO GOOD

Trailing to a goal from Milan Badelj, Gylfi Sigurdsson makes amends for his penalty miss against Nigeria by dispatching a spot-kick to bring Iceland level. But as they push for a late goal that might keep them in the tournament, space opens up for Croatia's Ivan Perisic to grab a last-gasp winner.

Out...Iceland (in white) couldn't find a way past Croatia

GOALS

0-1 Milan Badelj arrives late in the box to slam home Josip Pivaric's deflected cross.

1-1 Gylfi Sigurdsson dispatches the penalty after Dejan Lovren handles.

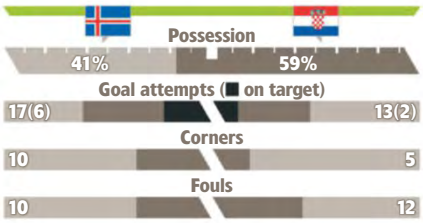
1-2 Badelj wins possession in midfield and quickly feeds Ivan Perisic who fires home.

TALKING POINT

Only Luka Modric and Ivan Perisic retained their starting places for the final group game after coach Zlatko Dalic made wholesale changes.

MATTER OF FACT

Iceland's three second-half yellow cards were their first of the tournament.



GROUP E

JUNE 17

COSTA RICA (0) 0
SERBIA (0) 1
(Kolarov 56)

Samara Arena, Samara
Att: 41,432 Ref: Diedhiou (Sen)

COSTA RICA Navas; Gamboa, Acosta, Gonzalez, Duarte, Calvo; Venegas (Bolanos 60), Guzman (Colindres 73), Borges, Ruiz; Urena (Campbell 67)
■ Calvo 22, Guzman 56

SERBIA Stojkovic; Ivanovic, Milenkovic, Tosic, Kolarov; Matic, Milivojevic (Prijovic 89); Tadic (Rukavina 82), Milinkovic-Savic, Ljajic (Kostic 70); Mitrovic
■ Ivanovic 59, Prijovic 90+7

CAPTAIN LEADS THE WAY
A stunning free-kick from Aleksandar Kolarov seals victory for Serbia, who should have won by a bigger margin but Aleksandar Mitrovic and the otherwise impressive Sergej Milinkovic-Savic can not find a way past Keylor Navas. Costa Rica have an early chance when an unmarked Giancarlo Gonzalez heads over but they rarely threaten after that.

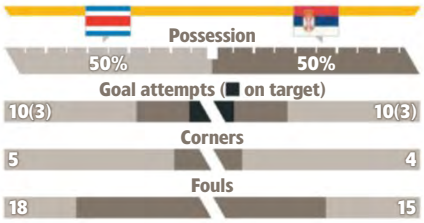
GOAL
1-0 Aleksandr Kolarov curls a magnificent free-kick with his left foot into the top corner.

Record...Branislav Ivanovic (in white)

TALKING POINT
Serbia's captain Aleksandr Kolarov had been an injury doubt before the game, and pulled up early in the second half, but he stepped up to take the free-kick that sealed the win for Serbia.

MATTER OF FACT
Branislav Ivanovic made his 104th appearance for Serbia, overtaking Dejan Stankovic to become his country's most-capped player.

"There are no clans or cliques in this squad for the first time in a long time"
Serbia coach Mladen Krstajic



JUNE 17

BRAZIL (1) 1
(Coutinho 20)
SWITZERLAND (0) 1
(Zuber 50)

Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don
Att: 43,109 Ref: Ramos (Mex)

BRAZIL Alisson; Danilo, Silva, Miranda, Marcelo; Casemiro (Fernandinho 60), Paulinho (Augusto 67); Willian, Coutinho, Neymar; Jesus (Firmino 79)
■ Casemiro 47

SWITZERLAND Sommer; Lichtsteiner (Lang 87), Schar, Akanji, Rodriguez; Behrami (Zakaria 70), Xhaka; Shaqiri, Dzemaili, Zuber; Seferovic (Embolo 80)
■ Lichtsteiner 31, Schar 65, Behrami 68

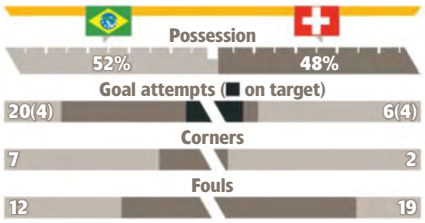
COUTINHO STUNNER CANCELLED OUT
Brazil are frustrated as Steven Zuber's header cancels out Philippe Coutinho's spectacular opener. The pre-tournament favourites take a deserved lead but their play drops off after the goal and they cannot raise their game when Switzerland equalise. Neymar, who is heavily fouled throughout, is one of a number of Brazilians to have a late chance to grab a winner but the Swiss, who have no shots on goal after their equaliser, hold out.

Crowded...Brazil and Switzerland

GOALS
1-0 Philippe Coutinho collects a headed clearance from Marcelo's cross and curls a brilliant right-footed shot into the far corner.
1-1 An unmarked Steven Zuber heads in a Xherdan Shaqiri corner.

MATTER OF FACT
Neymar was fouled 10 times during the match – more than any other player at the finals since England's Alan Shearer was fouled 11 times against Tunisia 20 years ago.

"It has nothing to do with positioning, it was a foul"
Brazil coach Tite on the equaliser



JUNE 22

BRAZIL (0) 2
(Coutinho 90+1, Neymar 90+7)
COSTA RICA (0)

Saint Petersburg Stadium, Saint Petersburg
Att: 64,468 Ref: Kuipers (Hol)

BRAZIL Alisson; Fagner, Silva, Miranda, Marcelo; Casemiro, Paulinho (Firmino 68); Willian (Costa 46), Coutinho, Neymar; Jesus (Fernandinho 90+3)
■ Coutinho 81, Neymar 81

COSTA RICA Navas; Gamboa (Calvo 75), Gonzalez, Acosta, Duarte, Oviedo; Venegas, Guzman (Tejeda 83), Borges, Ruiz; Urena (Bolanos 54)
■ Acosta 84

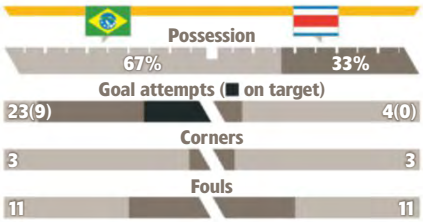
NEYMAR IN TEARS
Two goals in injury time knock out Costa Rica as Brazil switch to a 4-4-2 for the final 20 minutes. Neymar, furious when his play-acting culminates in a VAR intervention that reverses a penalty decision, collapses in tears on the final whistle.

GOALS
1-0 Philippe Coutinho arrives in the box just as Gabriel Jesus miscontrols Roberto Firmino's headed knockdown and pokes the ball home.
2-0 Neymar volleys home Douglas Costa's cross from close range.

Close range...Philippe Coutinho (centre)

TALKING POINT
Neymar was left fuming after Bjorn Kuipers changed his mind about awarding a penalty. The Brazil number 10 claimed he went down after his shirt had been pulled, but after looking at the incident again the referee decided that Costa Rica defender Giancarlo Gonzalez had not committed any offence.

MATTER OF FACT
Neymar's goal was his 56th for Brazil and made him his country's third-top scorer of all-time, one ahead of Romario but still behind Ronaldo (62) and Pele (77).



GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRAZIL	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
SWITZERLAND	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
SERBIA	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
COSTA RICA	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

JUNE 22

SERBIA (1) 1
(Mitrovic 5)

SWITZERLAND (0) 2
(Xhaka 51, Shaqiri 90)

Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad
Att: 33,167 Ref: Brych (Ger)

SERBIA Stojkovic; Ivanovic, Milenkovic, Tosic, Kolarov; Matic, Milivojevic (Radonjic 81); Tadic, Milinkovic-Savic, Kostic (Llajic 64); Mitrovic
■ Milinkovic-Savic 33, Milivojevic 39, Matic 45+2, Mitrovic 87

SWITZERLAND Sommer; Lichtsteiner, Akanji, Schar, Rodriguez; Behrami, Xhaka; Shaqiri, Dzemaili (Embolo 73), Zuber (Drmic 90+3); Seferovic (Gavranovic 46)
■ Shaqiri 90+1

SWISS RECOVER TO STUN SERBIA

Xherdan Shaqiri inspires Switzerland in an enthralling encounter. Serbia take a quick lead but the Swiss equalise early in the second half. Serbia continue to press for a winner but are caught on the break by the outstanding Shaqiri.

GOALS

1-0 Aleksandar Mitrovic heads home.
1-1 Granit Xhaka's thunderbolt flashes past Serbian keeper Valdimir Stojkovic.
1-2 Xherdan Shaqiri breaks free after a Serbian attack and scores the winner.

Controversy... Xherdan Shaqiri

TALKING POINT

Grant Xhaka makes the sign of an Albanian eagle as he celebrates his goal – a reference to Serbia's role in the Yugoslav civil war, during which his Kosovan father was imprisoned by the Serbs. Xherdan Shaqiri, an ethnic Albanian from Kosovo who had a Kosovan flag stitched onto his boots, does likewise after his goal.

"You should never mix football and politics. It's important to be a fan and give respect"
Switzerland's Bosnia-born boss Vladimir Petkovic

	Serbia	Switzerland
Possession	42%	58%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	12(3)	20(5)
Corners	3	7
Fouls	17	12

JUNE 27

SERBIA (0) 0

BRAZIL (1) 2
(Paulinho 36, Silva 68)

Spartak Stadium, Moscow
Att: 44,190 Ref: Faghani (Irn)

SERBIA Stojkovic; Rukavina, Milenkovic, Veljkovic, Kolarov; Milinkovic-Savic, Matic; Tadic, Ljajic (Zivkovic 75), Kostic (Radonjic 82); Mitrovic (Jovic 89)
■ Ljajic 33, Matic 48, Mitrovic 70

BRAZIL Alisson; Fagner, Silva, Miranda, Marcelo (Filipe Luis 10); Paulinho (Fernandinho 66), Casemiro; Willian, Coutinho (Augusto 80), Neymar; Jesus

TOO GOOD FOR SERBIA

Brazil ease through the gears and into the knockout stage. Serbia offer little threat in the first half but enjoy a sustained spell of pressure early after the break. But two chances for Aleksandar Mitrovic are not taken and Brazil double their advantage from a corner as Neymar enjoys his best game yet in the tournament.

GOALS

0-1 Philippe Coutinho's clever pass picks out Paulinho, who prods the bouncing ball past Vladimir Stojkovic.
0-2 Thiago Silva escapes the attentions of Nemanja Matic at the near post and heads in Neymar's corner.

Escape...Thiago Silva (far right)

TALKING POINT

Serbia dropped Luka Milivojevic and switched Sergej Milinkovic-Savic to a deeper role, but aside from a spell of pressure early in the second half they did little to threaten Brazil.

"You have to be alive for 90 minutes or else you'll be punished. It's difficult to play such an open game against a powerhouse of football like Brazil"
Serbia coach Mladen Krstajic

	Serbia	Brazil
Possession	44%	56%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	10(1)	13(6)
Corners	5	9
Fouls	13	7

JUNE 27

SWITZERLAND (1) 2
(Dzemaili 31, Drmic 88)

COSTA RICA (0) 2
(Waston 56, Sommer og 90+3)

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod
Att: 43,319 Ref: Turpin (Fra)

SWITZERLAND Sommer; Lichtsteiner, Schar, Akanji, Rodriguez; Behrami (Zakaria 60), Xhaka; Shaqiri (Lang 81), Dzemaili, Embolo; Gavranovic (Drmic 69)
■ Lichtsteiner 37, Zakaria 75, Schar 83

COSTA RICA Navas; Gamboa (Smith 90+3), Acosta, Gonzalez, Waston, Oviedo; Colindres (Wallace 81), Borges, Guzman (Azofeifa 90+1), Ruiz; Campbell
■ Gamboa 11, Campbell 29, Waston 89

SWISS TAKE SECOND PLACE

Switzerland creep into the last 16 despite being held to a draw by already eliminated Costa Rica, who secure their first point with a stoppage-time penalty. The Swiss are below their best and look to have clung on for victory when a VAR review gives Costa Rica a penalty.

GOALS

1-0 Breel Embolo heads Stefan Lichtsteiner's cross back across goal and Blerim Dzmaili smashes in.
1-1 Kendall Waston heads home a corner.
2-1 Josip Drmic shoots past Keylor Navas.
2-2 After Joel Campbell is fouled, Bryan Ruiz's penalty crashes off the crossbar, onto keeper Yann Sommer and into the net.

Goal...Kendall Waston

TALKING POINT

Yann Sommer was credited with an own goal for Costa Rica's second equaliser but he had kept Switzerland in the game with some excellent saves in the first half.

MATTER OF FACT

Costa Rica's goals ensured that all 32 teams scored in the group stage.

	Switzerland	Costa Rica
Possession	60%	40%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	12(3)	14(6)
Corners	6	5
Fouls	9	14

GROUP F

JUNE 17

GERMANY (0) 0
MEXICO (1) 1
(Lozano 35)

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
Att: 78,011 Ref: Faghani (Irn)

GERMANY Neuer; Kimmich, Boateng, Hummels, Plattenhardt (Gomez 79); Kroos, Khedira (Reus 60); Muller, Ozil, Draxler; Werner (Brandt 86)
■ Muller 83, Hummels 84

MEXICO Ochoa; Salcedo, Ayala, Moreno, Gallardo; Herrera, Guardado (Marquez 74); Layun, Vela (Alvarez 58), Lozano (Jimenez 66); Hernandez
■ Moreno 40, Herrera 90

HOLDERS SUFFER SHOCK DEFEAT

The defending champions struggle to cope with Mexico's quick counter-attacks and Hirving Lozano's winning goal is a brilliant strike at the end of a devastating move. Germany are more composed in the second half and enjoy more possession, but Timo Werner and Mario Gomez miss excellent opportunities to equalise.

GOAL

1-0 Javier Hernandez, beating Mats Hummels to the ball to initiate a counter-attack, plays in

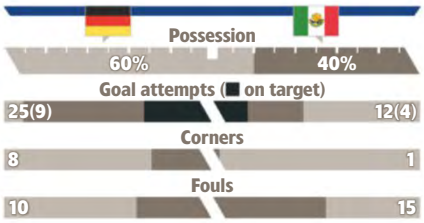
Stunning... Hirving Lozano

Hirving Lozano, who turns inside Mesut Ozil and fires past Manuel Neuer.

TALKING POINT

Joshua Kimmich's forays forward on the right flank created gaps for Mexico to exploit, and Germany's outnumbered central midfield of Toni Kroos and Sami Khedira were unable to cope. It was a thoroughly uncharacteristic performance from Germany, who lacked their usual composure and gave the ball away far too often.

"We played very badly in the first half. We were not able to impose our way of playing. We were not effective in the spaces"
Germany coach Joachim Low



JUNE 18

SWEDEN (0) 1
(Granqvist pen 65)
SOUTH KOREA (0) 0

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod
Att: 42,300 Ref: Aguilar (ElS)

SWEDEN Olsen; Augustinsson, Granqvist, Jansson, Lustig; Claesson, Larsson (Svensson 81), Ekdal (Hijlemark 71), Forsberg; Berg, Toivonen (Kiese Thelin 77)
■ Claesen 61

SOUTH KOREA Cho Hyun-woo; Lee Yong, Jang Hyun-soo, Kim Young-gwon, Park Joo-ho (Kim Min-woo 28); Lee Jae-sung, Ki Sung-yueng, Koo Ja-cheol (Lee Seung-woo 73); Hwang Hee-chan, Kim Shin-wook (Jung Woo-young 66), Son Heung-min
■ Kim Shin-wook 12, Hwang Hee-chan 55

BRIGHT START FOR SWEDES

Sweden win their opening game for the first time since 1958, edging out South Korea thanks to a VAR-awarded penalty in the second half. The Swedes fashion the better chances in the first half but lack a cutting edge. Lee Seung-woo gives Korea a lift in the final quarter after coming on but they fail to unlock a Swedish defence that is missing Victor Lindelof, who was a late withdrawal with a virus.

Chance...Emil Forsberg

GOAL

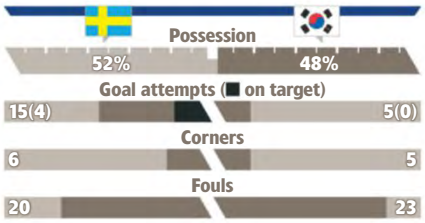
1-0 Andreas Granqvist slots home a penalty after VAR rules that substitute Kim Min-woo had tripped Viktor Claesson.

TALKING POINT

The referee had a clear view of what was an obvious penalty, prompting concerns that he had ducked out of the decision, preferring to rely on the VAR calling back the decision.

MATTER OF FACT

At 33, Andreas Granqvist became the oldest player to score on his World Cup debut since Martin Palermo, who was 36 when he netted for Argentina in 2010.



JUNE 23

SOUTH KOREA (0) 1
(Son Heung-min 90+3)
MEXICO (1) 2
(Vela pen 26, Hernandez 66)

Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don
Att: 43,472 Ref: Milorad Mazic (Ser)

SOUTH KOREA Cho Hyun-woo; Lee Yong, Jang Hyun-soo, Kim Young-gwon, Kim Min-woo (Hong Chul 84); Moon Seon-min (Jung Woo-young 77), Ju Se-jong (Lee Seung-woo 64), Ki Sung-yueng, Hwang Hee-chan; Lee Jae-sung, Son Heung-min
■ Kim Min-woo 58, Lee Yong 63, Lee Seung-woo 72, Jung Woo-young 80

MEXICO Ochoa; Alverez, Salcedo, Moreno, Gallardo; Layun, Herrera, Guardado (Marquez 68); Vela (G Dos Santos 77), Hernandez, Lozano (Corona 71)

EL TRI MARCH ON

Mexico reach the knockout stage for a seventh successive World Cup. They enjoy greater possession than in their opening victory against Germany and make good use of their superiority. South Korea rally late in the game and Son Heung-min misses a golden opportunity after a defensive mix-up between Rafael Marquez and Guillermo Ochoa before he

Historic...Javier Hernandez

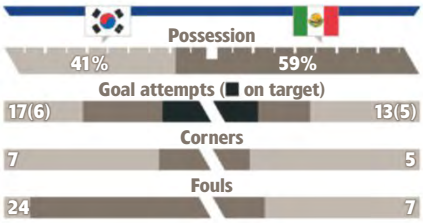
scores a wonderful late consolation goal.

GOALS

0-1 Carlos Vela dispatches the penalty after Jang Hyun-soo is ruled to have handled.
0-2 Javier Hernandez, played in after a quick break by Hirving Lozano, turns inside defender Jang and shoots low past the keeper.
1-2 Son Heung-min curls a brilliant shot from outside the area.

MATTER OF FACT

Javier Hernandez's 50th goal for his country sees him become the third Mexican player to score in three World Cups, after Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Rafa Marquez.



GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWEDEN	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
MEXICO	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
SOUTH KOREA	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
GERMANY	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

JUNE 23

GERMANY (0) 2
(Reus 48, Kroos 90+5)
SWEDEN (1) 1
(Toivonen 32)

Fisht Stadium, Sochi
Att: 44,287 Ref: Marciniak (Pol)

GERMANY Neuer; Kimmich, Rudiger, Boateng, Hector (Brandt 87); Kroos, Rudy (Gundogan 31); Muller, Draxler (Gomez 46), Reus; Werner
■ Boateng 71, 82
■ Boateng 82

SWEDEN Olsen; Lustig, Lindelof, Granqvist, Augustinsson; Claesson (Durmaz 74), Larsson, Ekdal, Forsberg; Berg (Kiese Thelin 90), Toivonen (Guidetti 78)
■ Ekdal 52, Larsson 90+7

KROOS RESCUES GERMANY

Toni Kroos keeps Germany's campaign alive with a blistering free-kick in stoppage time. Joachim Low drops Mesut Ozil and brings in Marco Reus, and throws on an extra striker at half-time after Sweden had taken the lead. Reus equalises early in the second half but Germany miss a host of chances to grab the winner and have Jerome Boateng sent off. Sweden look to have clung on for a point until Julian Brandt is fouled on the left flank and Kroos dispatches an unstoppable last-gasp shot into the far corner.

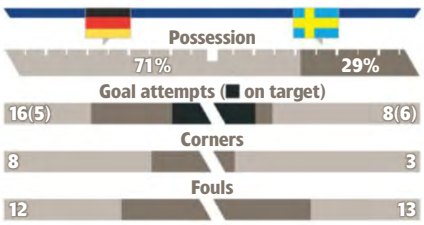
Strike...Toni Kroos' goal

GOALS

0-1 Ola Toivonen scores with a deft finish over Manuel Neuer.
1-1 Marco Reus turns in Timo Werner's cross.
2-1 Toni Kroos touches his free-kick to Reus who stops the ball for Kroos to curl a fierce shot into the far corner.

MATTER OF FACT

For the first time since 1974 – when they trailed 1-0 at the break to win 4-2, also against Sweden – Germany have to come from behind at half-time to win a World Cup match.



JUNE 27

SOUTH KOREA (0) 2
(Kim Young-gwon 90+3, Son Heung-min 90+6)
GERMANY (0) 0

Kazan Arena, Kazan
Att: 41,835 Ref: Geiger (USA)

SOUTH KOREA Cho Hyun-woo; Lee Yong, Yun Young-sun, Kim Young-gwon, Hong Chul; Lee Jae-sung, Jung Woo-young, Jang Hyun-soo, Moon Seon-min (Ju Se-jong 69); Koo Ja-cheol (Hwang Hee-chan 56, Go Yo-han 79), Son Heung-min
■ Jung Woo-young 9, Lee Jae-sung 23, Moon Seon-min 48, Son Heung-min 65

GERMANY Neuer; Kimmich, Hummels, Sule, Hector (Brandt 78); Khedira (Gomez 58), Kroos; Goretzka (Muller 63), Ozil, Reus; Werner

HOLDERS CRASH OUT

Germany concede two stoppage-time goals to finish bottom of the group. Korea's deep defence restricts opportunities in the first half, but the Germans look sure to score after the break. However, they miss numerous chances before Korea score twice on the break.

GOALS

1-0 Kim Young-gwon taps in from close range after a goalmouth scramble.

Shock...Kim Young-gwon scores

2-0 Son Heung-min races from his own half to pass into an empty net after Germany keeper Manuel Neuer is dispossessed in Korea's half by Ju Se-Jong.

MATTER OF FACT

This was the first time since 1938 that a Germany or West Germany side has not advanced beyond the first section of the tournament.

"This is something for us to reckon with. This is historic. I am sure this will create some public uproar in Germany"
Germany coach Joachim Low

JUNE 27

MEXICO (0) 0
SWEDEN (0) 3
(Augustinsson 50, Granqvist pen 62, Alvarez og 74)

Ekaterinburg Arena, Yekaterinburg
Att: 33,061 Ref: Pitana (Arg)

MEXICO Ochoa; Alvarez, Salcedo, Moreno, Gallardo (Fabian 65); Guardado (Corona 75), Herrera; Layun (Peralta 89), Vela, Lozano; Hernandez
■ Gallardo 1, Moreno 61, Layun 86)

SWEDEN Olsen; Lustig, Lindelof, Granqvist, Augustinsson; Claesson, Larsson (Svensson 57), Ekdal (Hiljemark 80), Forsberg; Berg (Kiese Thelin 68), Toivonen
■ Larsson 26, Lustig 88

SWEDEN AND MEXICO PROGRESS

Outsiders going into the final round of matches, Sweden reach the knockout phase as group winners with a convincing win over Mexico, who also make the last 16. Denied a penalty when Javier Hernandez's handball in his own area was controversially rejected by a VAR review, Sweden took Mexico apart after the break on the counter-attack.

GOALS

0-1 After a swift counter-attack, left-back Ludwig Augustinsson is free at the far post to meet a cross that evades Sweden's strikers.

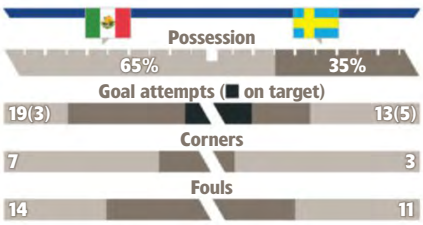
Through...Mexico (in green) and Sweden

0-2 Andreas Granqvist converts the penalty after Marcus Berg is fouled by Hector Moreno.
0-3 Edson Alvarez turns a long throw into his own net.

MATTER OF FACT

Mexico left-back Jesus Gallardo was booked after 15 seconds, a World Cup record.

"My sin was to be a purist, to think we can compete and beat a team who play the same type of football every weekend. Hopefully one day I will get it right"
Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio



GROUP G

JUNE 18

BELGIUM (0) 3
(Mertens 47, Lukaku 69, 75)

PANAMA (0) 0

Fisht Stadium, Sochi
Att: 43,257 Ref: Sikazwe (Zam)

BELGIUM Courtois; Alderweireld, Boyata, Vertonghen; Meunier, De Bruyne, Witsel (Chadli 90), Carrasco (Dembele 74); Mertens (T Hazard 83), Lukaku, E Hazard
■ Meunier 14, Vertonghen 59, De Bruyne 88

PANAMA Penedo; Murillo, R Torres, Escobar, Davis; Barcenas (G Torres 63), Cooper, Gomez, Godoy, J Rodriguez (Diaz 63); Perez (Tejada 73)
■ Davis 18, Barcenas 45+2, Cooper 49, Murillo 51, Godoy 57

INDIVIDUAL BRILLIANCE BEATS NEW BOYS

Belgium eventually overrun debutants Panama thanks to an improved second-half performance. Lethargic for much of the first period, they fail to press a well-organised, deep-lying Panamanian side and the breakthrough only comes with a

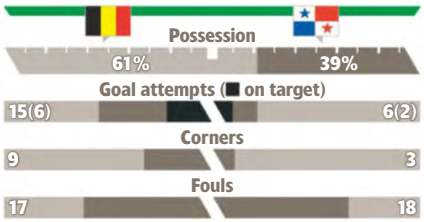
Brilliant... Dries Mertens

moment of individual brilliance from Dries Mertens. Panama have several chances themselves before two Romelu Lukaku goals confirm a Belgian victory.

GOALS

1-0 After his cross is partially cleared, Dries Mertens' volley dips over the keeper.
2-0 Kevin De Bruyne plays a clever pass into the box with the outside of his right foot and Romelu Lukaku heads in.
3-0 Lukaku clips the ball over the outrushing keeper after being played in by Eden Hazard.

"It's not easy playing with a man missing. At half-time I told him we needed him. He'd been hiding out a bit up front. But once he got in there, involved in the game, like magic he scored two"
Eden Hazard on Romelu Lukaku



JUNE 18

TUNISIA (1) 1
(Sassi pen 35)

ENGLAND (1) 2
(Kane 11, 90+1)

Volgograd Arena, Volgograd
Att: 41,064 Ref: Roldan (Col)

TUNISIA Hassen (Ben Mustapha 16); Bronn, Meriah, S Ben Youssef, Maaloul; Skhiri, Badri, Sassi; Khazri (Khalifa 85), F Ben Youssef, Sliti (Ben Amor 74)

ENGLAND Pickford; Walker, Stones, Maguire; Trippier, Alli (Loftus-Cheek 80), Henderson, Lingard (Dier 90+3), Young; Sterling (Rashford 68), Kane
■ Walker 34

LATE KANE HEADER SAVES ENGLAND

Harry Kane's injury-time header from a corner gives England victory as Tunisia dig deep to defend a point. England make an energetic start and score an early set-piece header from a corner, but poor finishing and uncertain defending allows Tunisia back into the contest.

GOALS

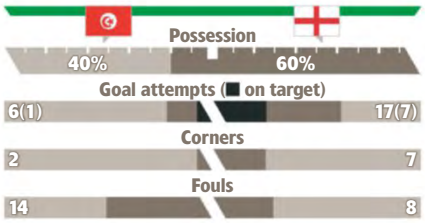
0-1 Harry Kane taps in from close range after John Stones' header from a corner is saved.
1-1 Tunisia are awarded a penalty after Kyle Walker is penalised for a trailing arm on Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, and Ferjani Sassi places his spot-kick low to Jordan Pickford's right.
1-2 Unmarked at the far post, Kane directs a firm header past the keeper after Harry Maguire

Double...Harry Kane

leaps to meet Keiran Trippier's corner.

TALKING POINT

Tunisia's penalty award following Kyle Walker's foul was cleared by VAR, but holding fouls on Harry Kane, when the centre-forward was dragged to the ground at two subsequent corners, were ignored by the officials.



JUNE 23

BELGIUM (3) 5
(E Hazard pen 6, 51, Lukaku 16, 45+3, Batshuayi 90)

TUNISIA (1) 2
(Bronn 18, Khazri 90+3)

Spartak Stadium, Moscow
Att: 44,190 Ref: Marrufo (USA)

BELGIUM Courtois; Alderweireld, Boyata, Vertonghen; Meunier, De Bruyne, Witsel, Carrasco; Mertens (Tielemans 86), Lukaku (Fellaini 59), E Hazard (Batshuayi 68)

TUNISIA Ben Mustapha; Bronn (Naguez 24), S Ben Youssef (Benalouane 41), Meriah, Maaloul; Khaoui, Skhiri, Sassi (Sliti 60); Badri, Khazri, F Ben Youssef
■ Sassi 14

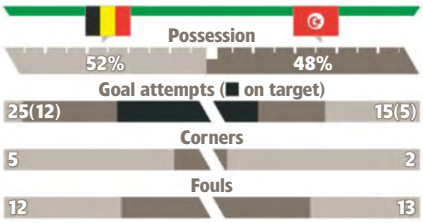
Fourth...Eden Hazard

TUNISIA BLOWN AWAY

Belgium rip through a fragile Tunisia defence thanks to two goals each from Eden Hazard and Romelu Lukaku, and one from Michi Batshuayi. Tunisia lose two defenders to injury in the first half and leave space for Belgium to exploit as they try to get back in the game. Batshuayi has three chances cleared off the line before scoring.

GOALS

1-0 Eden Hazard converts the spot-kick that he wins after being upended by Syam Ben Youssef.
2-0 Dries Mertens takes advantage of slack defending by Ali Maloul to feed Romelu Lukaku, who fires home a low left-footed shot.
2-1 Dylan Bronn heads in a Wahbi Khazri free-kick from the left.
3-1 Lukaku dinks the ball over the keeper after being played in by Thomas Meunier.
4-1 Eden Hazard controls a long pass from Toby Alderweireld and turns past the keeper before slotting home.
5-1 Two of Belgium's substitutes combine as Youri Tielemans crosses for Michy Batshuayi to volley home.
5-2 Khazri turns in from close range.



GROUP G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BELGIUM	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
ENGLAND	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
TUNISIA	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
PANAMA	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

JUNE 24

ENGLAND (4) 6
(Stones 8, 40, Kane pen 22, pen 45+1, 62, Lingard 36)

PANAMA (0) 1
(Baloy 78)

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod
Att: 43,319 Ref: Grisha (Egy)

ENGLAND Pickford; Walker, Stones, Maguire; Trippier (Rose 70), Lingard (Delph 63), Henderson, Loftus-Cheek, Young; Sterling, Kane (Vardy 63)
■ Loftus-Cheek 23

PANAMA Penedo; Murillo, R Torres, Escobar, Davis; Barcenas (Arroyo 69), Cooper, Gomez (Baloy 69), Godoy (Avila 62), J Rodriguez; Perez
■ Cooper 10, Escobar 44, Murillo 72

RECORD WIN FOR THREE LIONS
England enjoyed their biggest-ever World Cup win in spite of Panama's strong-arm tactics, with four of their goals coming from set-pieces.

GOALS
1-0 Unmarked John Stones powers home a header from Kieran Trippier's corner.
2-0 Harry Kane fires home a penalty after Fidel Escobar fouls Jesse Lingard.
3-0 Lingard curls home a shot from the edge of the area.
4-0 After a well-worked free-kick routine, Stones heads in after Sterling's header is saved.
5-0 Kane scores from the spot again after being hauled down at a corner.
6-0 Kane deflects Ruben Loftus-Cheek's shot past the keeper.
6-1 Felipe Baloy turns in a free-kick.

Spot on...Harry Kane

	England	Panama
Possession	58%	42%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	12(7)	8(2)
Corners	3	2
Fouls	14	13

JUNE 28

ENGLAND (0) 0
BELGIUM (0) 1
(Januzaj 51)

Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad
Att: 33,973 Ref: Skomina (Sln)

ENGLAND Pickford; Jones, Stones (Maguire 46), Cahill; Alexander-Arnold (Welbeck 79), Loftus-Cheek, Dier, Delph, Rose; Vardy, Rashford

BELGIUM Courtois; Dendoncker, Boyata, Vermaelen (Kompany 74); Chadli, Fellaini, Dembele, T Hazard; Januzaj (Mertens 86), Batshuayi, Tielemans
■ Tielemans 19, Dendoncker 33

FIRST PLACE MAYBE NOT BEST
A brilliant goal from Adnan Januzaj seals victory for Belgium, who claim top place in the group but are also handed a potentially trickier route to the knockout stage's later rounds. With both teams already through, reserve players are given an opportunity, with Belgium making nine changes to England's eight. Although a more intense contest than predicted, chances are few and far between. England's best opportunity falls to Marcus Rashford, whose shot is saved by Thibaut Courtois.

Reserves... Belgium triumph

GOAL
0-1 Adnan Januzaj cuts inside Danny Rose on the right-hand side of the area and curls a left-foot shot into the top corner.

TALKING POINT
Did they or didn't they? Belgium coach Roberto Martinez had admitted "the priority was not to win" but his bench celebrated with gusto when Adnan Januzaj scored.

	England	Belgium
Possession	48%	52%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	13(1)	15(4)
Corners	7	2
Fouls	11	14

JUNE 28

PANAMA (1) 1
(Meriah og 33)

TUNISIA (0) 2
(F Ben Youssef 51, Khazri 66)

Mordovia Arena, Saransk
Att 37,168 Ref: Shukralla (Bah)

PANAMA Penedo; Machado, R Torres (Tejada 56), Escobar, Ovalle; Barcenas, Godoy, Gomez, Avila (Arroyo 81), J Rodriguez; G Torres (Cummings 46)
■ Avila 78, Gomez 80, Tejada 90+6

TUNISIA Mathlouthi; Nagguez, Bedoui, Meriah, Haddadi; Sassi (Badri 46), Skhiri, Chaaleli; F Ben Youssef, Khazri (Srarfi 89), Sliti (Khalil 77)
■ Sassi 44, Badri 71, Chaaleli 90+3

KHAZRI LEADS THE WAY
Tunisia come from behind to secure a first World Cup win for 40 years in a dead-rubber game. Panama take a surprise early lead but Tunisia, inspired by Wahbi Khazri, fight back – and he sets up Fakhreddine Ben Youssef for the equaliser before scoring the winner himself.

GOALS
1-0 Jose Rodriguez's shot deflects off Yassine Meriah and wrong-foots the keeper.
1-1 Wahbi Khazri's low cross finds Fakhreddine Ben Youssef who fires home.
1-2 Khazri scores himself from Oussama Haddadi's cross.

TALKING POINT
Panama were the oldest squad at the finals and, aside from the stroke of luck for their goal, struggled to trouble Tunisia's defence.

MATTER OF FACT
Tunisia's victory was only their second World Cup win and their first since 1978.

Leading... Wahbi Khazri

	Panama	Tunisia
Possession	36%	64%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	9(4)	15(7)
Corners	0	6

GROUP H

JUNE 19

COLOMBIA (1) 1
(Quintero 39)
JAPAN (1) 2
(Kagawa pen 6, Osako 73)

Mordovia Arena, Saransk
Att: 40,842 Ref: Skomina (Sln)

COLOMBIA Ospina; Arias, D Sanchez, Murillo, Mojica; C Sanchez, Lerma; Juan Cuadrado (Barrios 31), Quintero (Rodriguez 59), Izquierdo (Bacca 70); Falcao
■ Barrios 64, Rodriguez 86
■ C Sanchez 3

JAPAN Kawashima; H Sakai, Yoshida, Shoji, Nagatomo; Hasebe, Shibasaki (Yamaguchi 80); Haraguchi, Kagawa (Honda 70), Inui; Osako (Okazaki 85)
■ Kawashima 90+4

A JAPANESE FIRST

Japan win their first World Cup match on European soil and became the first Asian side to beat a South American nation. The first red card of the tournament gives Japan the chance to control the game after Shinji Kagawa converts his penalty, but Colombia are the better side for the first half and equalise through Juan Quintero's clever free-kick. However, Japan make their numerical advantage count after the break.

Off...Carlos Sanchez (on floor) sees red

GOALS

0-1 Carlos Sanchez is dismissed for handling Shinji Kagawa's shot, after which Kagawa rolls his penalty down the middle of the goal.
1-1 Juan Quintero strikes his free-kick under the wall, inside the post and just over the line.
1-2 Yuya Osako glances Keisuke Honda's corner past stranded Colombia keeper David Ospina.

MATTER OF FACT

At two minutes and 56 seconds, the first red card of the tournament, which was shown to Carlos Sanchez, is the second-quickest in World Cup history, after the dismissal of Uruguay's Jose Alberto Batista, who lasted just 54 seconds against Scotland in 1986.

	Colombia	Japan
Possession	42%	58%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	8(3)	14(6)
Corners	3	6
Fouls	15	9

JUNE 19

POLAND (0) 1
(Krychowiak 86)
SENEGAL (1) 2
(Cionek og 37, Niang 60)

Spartak Stadium, Moscow
Att: 44,190 Ref: Shukralla (Bhn)

POLAND Szczesny; Piszczek (Bereszynski 83), Cionek, Pazdan, Rybus; Krychowiak, Zielinski; Blaszczykowski (Bednarek 46), Milik (Kownacki 73), Grosicki; Lewandowski
■ Krychowiak 12

SENEGAL K N'Diaye; Wague, Koulibaly, Sane, Sabaly; Mane, A N'Diaye (Kouyate 88), Gueye, Sarr; Niang (Konate 76), Diouf (N'Doye 62)
■ Sane 49, Gueye 72

SHADES OF 2002

Sixteen years on from their last World Cup appearance, Senegal once again spring a surprise, beating a disappointing Poland, albeit with a controversial winning goal. Weakened by the absence of the injured Kamil Glik, Poland's reshuffled defence struggles to cope. And while Robert Lewandowski tries to lead a fightback in the second half, a calamitous second goal kills off Polish hopes.

Shock...Senegal

GOALS

0-1 Idrissa Gueye's shot is deflected in off Thiago Cionek.
0-2 M'Baye Niang pounces as Jan Bednarek and Wojciech Szczesny try to clear Grzegorz Krychowiak's misplaced backpass.
1-2 Krychowiak heads a free-kick back across goal and into the net.

TALKING POINT

Poland were unhappy at Senegal's winning goal. M'Baye Niang was being waved back onto the pitch after treatment for an injury when Grzegorz Krychowiak played the ball back without noticing his re-appearance on the pitch. The Senegalese forward then ran the ball into an empty net.

	Poland	Senegal
Possession	59%	41%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	10(4)	8(2)
Corners	3	3
Fouls	8	15

JUNE 24

JAPAN (1) 2
(Inui 34, Honda 78)
SENEGAL (1) 2
(Mane 11, Wague 71)

Ekaterinburg Arena, Yekaterinburg
Att: 32,572 Ref: Rocchi (Ita)

JAPAN Kawashima; H Sakai, Yoshida, Shoji, Nagatomo; Hasebe, Shibasaki; Haraguchi (Okazaki 75), Kagawa (Honda 72), Inui (Usami 87); Osako
■ Inui 68, Hasebe 90+4

SENEGAL K N'Diaye; Sabaly, Koulibaly, Sane, Wague; B Ndiaye (N'Doye 81), A N'Diaye (Kouyate 65), Gueye; Sarr, Niang (Diouf 86), Mane
■ Niang 59, Sabaly 90, N'Doye 90+1

FRAILTIES ON VIEW

Japan and Senegal share the spoils in a game that showcases both sides' attacking qualities and defensive frailties. Senegal make a strong start and take the lead through Sadio Mane but their concentration levels drop and Takeshi Inui equalises. Japan are the better team in the second half but can't take advantage and are punished as Senegal score a second goal. However, poor goalkeeping allows Japan to grab a second equaliser.

Blocked...Japan crowd out Ismaila Sarr

GOALS

0-1 Youssouf Sabaly's shot is poorly punched away by Eiji Kawashima and it bounces back off Sadio Mane and into the net.
1-1 Takeshi Inui shoots inside the far post after a run by Yuto Nagatomo.
1-2 Moussa Wague strides into the area to fire inside the near post after a strong run and cross from Sabaly.
2-2 Keisuke Honda turns in Inui's cross after Senegal keeper Khadim N'Diaye makes a hash of clearing.

MATTER OF FACT

Keisuke Honda became the first Japanese player to score at three World Cups.

	Japan	Senegal
Possession	53%	47%
Goal attempts (■ on target)	7(3)	14(7)
Corners	2	5
Fouls	8	14

GROUP H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COLOMBIA	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
JAPAN	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
SENEGAL	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
POLAND	3	1	0	2	2	5	3

JUNE 24

POLAND (0) 0
COLOMBIA (1) 3
(Mina 40, Falcao 70, Juan Cuadrado 75)

Kazan Arena, Kazan
Att: 42,873 Ref: Ramos (Mex)

POLAND Szczesny; Piszczek, Bednarek, Pazdan (Glik 80); Bereszynski (Teodorczyk 72), Krychowiak, Goralski, Rybus; Zielinski, Lewandowski, Kownacki (Grosicki 57)
■ Bednarek 61, Goralski 85

COLOMBIA Ospina; Arias, D Sanchez, Mina, Mojica; Aguilar (Uribe 32), Barrios; Juan Cuadrado, Quintero (Lerma 73), Rodriguez; Falcao (Bacca 78)

RETURNING RODRIGUEZ MAKES HIS MARK

Colombia rediscover their attacking mojo to send Poland crashing out. James Rodriguez, returning to the starting line-up, sets up Colombia's first and third goals. Poland are cut apart on a number of occasions while Robert Lewandowski fails to provide the leadership needed.

GOALS

0-1 Yerry Mina heads in James Rodriguez's cross from a short corner.
0-2 Radamel Falcao, played in by Juan Quintero, beats Wojciech Szczesny with a fierce shot using the outside of his right foot.
0-3 Cuadrado, set up by Rodriguez's crossfield pass, sidefoots home.

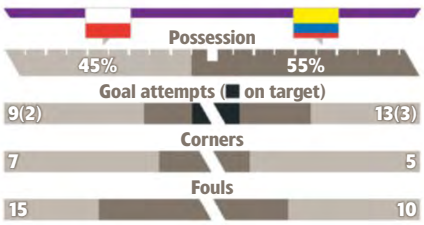
Return...James Rodriguez

MATTER OF FACT

Radamel Falcao scored his first World Cup goal at the age of 32.

TALKING POINT

Both teams made four changes to their starting line-ups. While Colombia coach Jose Pekerman found space to deploy two playmakers in James Rodriguez and Juan Quintero, Poland boss Adam Nawalka's switch to a back three merely seemed to confuse his players.



JUNE 28

SENEGAL (0) 0
COLOMBIA (0) 1
(Mina 74)

Samara Arena, Samara
Att: 41,970 Ref: Mazic (Ser)

SENEGAL K N'Diaye; Gassama, Sane, Koulibaly, Sabaly (Wague 74); Kouyate, Gueye; Sarr, Mane; Balde (Kounate 80), Niang (Sakho 86)
■ Niang 51

COLOMBIA Ospina; Arias, D Sanchez, Mina, Mojica; C Sanchez, Uribe (Lerma 83); Juan Cuadrado, Quintero, Rodriguez (Muriel 31); Falcao (Borja 89)
■ Mojica 45

HISTORY MADE

Yerry Mina's header is enough to beat Senegal, who became the first team in World Cup history to be knocked out by fairplay rules. Level with Japan on points, goal difference and goals scored, a higher yellow card count costs them dearly. The brighter team against Colombia, they have a penalty appeal rejected by VAR after Davinson Sanchez challenges Sadio Mane as Colombia struggle to get into the game. With Radamel Falcao isolated and an unfit James Rodriguez taken off after half an hour, their goal, from a corner, is their only attempt on target in the game.

Highest...Yerry Mina

GOAL

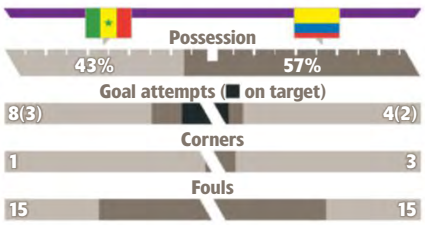
0-1 Yerry Mina leaps high and heads a corner down and over the line.

TALKING POINT

Senegal were making a substitution as the corner was taken for Colombia's goal. Moussa Wague replaced Youssouf Sabaly but did not make it to the penalty area in time.

MATTER OF FACT

Colombia did not have a single touch in the opposition area during the first half.



JUNE 28

JAPAN (0) 0
POLAND (0) 1
(Bednarek 59)

Volgograd Arena, Volgograd
Att: 42,189 Ref: Sikazwe (Zam)

JAPAN Kawashima; H Sakai, Yoshida, Makino, Nagatomo; Yamaguchi, Shibasaki; G Sakai, Okazaki (Osako 47), Usami (Inui 65); Muto (Hasebe 82)
■ Makino 66

POLAND Fabianski; Bereszynski, Glik, Bednarek; Kurzawa (Peszko 79), Krychowiak, Goralski, Jedrzejczyk; Zielinski (Teodrczyk 79), Zielinski, Grosicki

JAPAN SCRAPE THROUGH

Despite losing their final group game, Japan scrape into the knockout stage, edging out Senegal by virtue of having collected fewer yellow cards. With a draw sufficient for Japan, Poland are a much stronger prospect than in their first two games. Eiji Kawashima produces a brilliant save to palm away Kamil Grosicki's header but he is powerless to prevent Jan Bednarek volleying home from close range.

GOAL

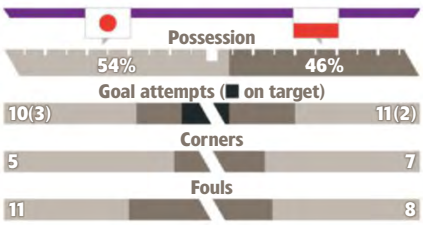
0-1 Rafal Kurzawa's free-kick from the left flank is met by Jan Bednarek at the far post.

Safety first... Japan (in blue)

TALKING POINT

Japan coach Alira Nishino made six changes to his starting line-up and the alterations upset the balance of the team.

"We did not go for victory but we just relied on the other match. That was slightly regrettable but I suppose at that point I didn't have any other plans. I am really not happy about how we played but we wanted to go through to the round of 16 and we have, and that is the only salvation that I get"
Japan coach Akira Nishino



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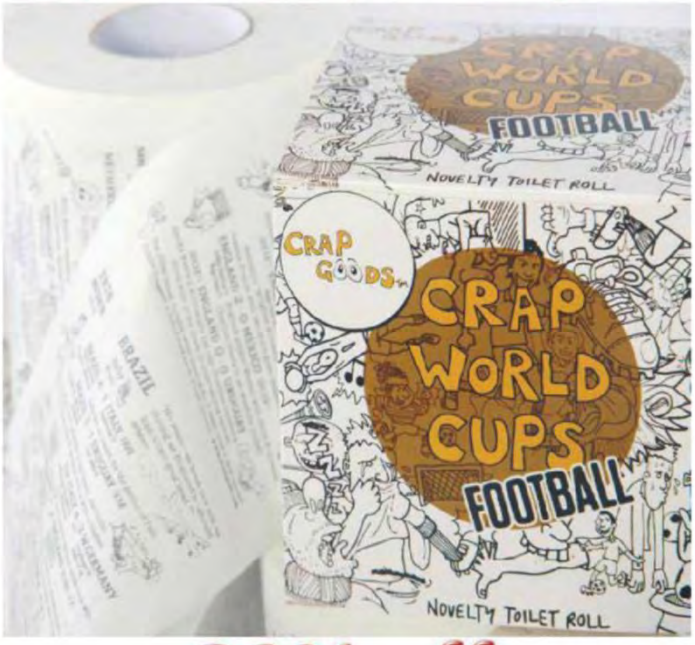

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Global diary

A comprehensive record of recent events around the world

Thursday June 14

PHILIPPINES: Former England captain Terry Butcher is appointed coach of Philippines national team.
SPAIN: Antoine Griezmann, who had been widely linked with a move to Barcelona, announces he will remain at Atletico Madrid.
WORLD CUP: Exactly 1,432 days after Mario Gotze's extra-time goal gave Germany victory in Brazil, the 2018 tournament begins with Russia beating Saudi Arabia 5-0.

Friday June 15

ENGLAND: Ex-Argentina and Chile boss Marcelo Bielsa agrees a two-year deal to manage Leeds United.
WORLD CUP: Portugal draw 3-3 with Spain, while Uruguay and Iran manage 1-0 wins against Egypt and Morocco respectively.

Saturday June 16

ITALY: Camillo Ciano scores an injury-time winner as Frosinone overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit to beat Palermo 3-2 on aggregate in the promotion play-off Final.
SPAIN: After four years in the second tier, Real Valladolid return to La Liga with a 1-1 draw against Numancia, winning the promotion play-off Final 4-1 on aggregate.
WORLD CUP: Lionel Messi misses a penalty as Argentina draw 1-1 with debutants Iceland. France beat Australia 2-1, while Denmark overcome Peru 1-0 and Croatia win 2-0 against Nigeria.

Sunday June 17

WORLD CUP: Mexico shock the holders Germany 1-0 and Switzerland draw 1-1 with Brazil. Serbia beat Costa Rica 1-0.

Monday June 18

USA: Walter Bahr, the last surviving member of the USA team that beat England 1-0 at the 1950 World Cup, dies at the age of 91.
WORLD CUP: England beat Tunisia 2-1 with an injury-time goal from Harry Kane, Panama lose 3-0 to Belgium and Sweden win 1-0 against South Korea.

Tuesday June 19

HUNGARY: Italian coach Marco Rossi replaces Georges Leekens as boss of Hungary's national team.
PORTUGAL: Sinisa Mihajlovic is named coach of troubled Sporting, who lost nine players after they terminated their contracts following an attack on the squad at training by a group of fans in May.
WORLD CUP: Japan and Senegal complete the first round of games with wins over Colombia and Poland, while Russia start the second by beating Egypt 3-1.

Wednesday June 20

WORLD CUP: Morocco lose 1-0 to Portugal and are the first team to be eliminated, quickly followed by Saudi Arabia – who lose 1-0 to Uruguay – and Egypt. Spain beat Iran 1-0.

Thursday June 21

ENGLAND: Brazil midfielder Fred, who is currently in Russia at the World Cup, completes a £47m move from Shakhtar Donetsk to Manchester United.
GERMANY: Julian Nagelsmann will leave Hoffenheim at the end of the coming season to coach Bundesliga rivals RB Leipzig.
WORLD CUP: France progress from the group stage with a 1-0 win against Peru, who go out. Denmark and Australia live to fight another day after a 1-1 draw, while Croatia stun Argentina with a 3-0 victory.

Friday June 22

HOLLAND: Mark Van Bommel is appointed coach of PSV, replacing Phillip Cocu, who left the club to join Turkish side Fenerbahce.
UKRAINE: Former Italy striker Fabrizio Ravanelli agrees to coach newly promoted Ukrainian Premier League side Arsenal Kiev despite admitting "my wife wasn't very happy with this".

Saturday June 23

WORLD CUP: Germany avoid an early exit by coming from behind to overcome Sweden 2-1 after Mexico beat South Korea by the same score. Belgium thrash Tunisia 5-2.

Sunday June 24

ALGERIA: The Algeria Football Federation parts company with national coach Rabah Madjer.
WORLD CUP: England beat

Back...Real Valladolid celebrate beating Numancia 4-1 on aggregate to seal their return to La Liga after four years away

In charge... Mark Van Bommel

Panama 6-1 to secure qualification from their group with Belgium, while their opponents and Tunisia are eliminated. Poland are also out after losing 3-0 to Colombia, while Japan draw 2-2 with Senegal.

Monday June 25

HOLLAND: Former Manchester United and Real Madrid striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy is appointed coach of PSV's under-19 side.
WORLD CUP: Uruguay beat Russia 3-0, while keeper Essam El Hadary saves a penalty and becomes the oldest player to appear at a World Cup, at 45 years and 161 days, as Egypt lose 2-1 to Saudi Arabia. An injury-time equaliser against Iran sees Spain finish above Portugal.

Tuesday June 26

EGYPT: Hector Cuper's contract as coach is not going to be renewed.
WORLD CUP: Australia's 2-0 loss ➤

Goodbye...Hector Cuper leaves Egypt

Tuvalu

STEVE MENARY

Competitive...Tuvalu's Okilani Tinilau in action against Matabeleland

ConIFA World Football Cup

The non-FIFA affiliated tournament comes to London

Apart from Tonga's brief Italian sojourn in 1991 and sporadic visits by French territories to Paris, Europe is another world for most Pacific Island national teams. But not for Tuvalu. One of the last countries in the world yet to be recognised by FIFA, they visited Holland in 2013 and then London for this year's ConIFA World Football Cup.

"The government of Tuvalu supported us," says Soseala Tinilau, Tuvalu National Football Association (TNFA) president of a trip that saw 23 players and four officials spend two days flying via Fiji and South Korea to London. "We received money from them to purchase our tickets."

Jet-lagged, Tuvalu began with a 4-0 defeat to Szekely Land, representing ethnic Hungarians in Romania. An 8-0 defeat to Padania was then followed by a 3-1 loss to Matabeleland, with defender Etimoni Timuani getting the team's only goal.

Alopua Petoa then scored twice as they narrowly lost 4-3 to Tamil Eelam in a placement game.

Petoa is Tuvalu's all-time top scorer, with eight goals in 10 official appearances, and spent time with Dutch side Brabantia and New Zealand's Waitakere City without making a breakthrough.

At 28, Petoa's chances are probably gone – but for TNFA president Tinilau the trip was as much about experience and reminding the world of their plight as a barely acknowledged OFC associate member.

"I've been reaching out to OFC so many times. I sent them emails or letters and they don't even reply," says Tinilau, who last heard from the OFC in 2017.

Tuvalu's isolation is particularly shameful because football, rather than rugby, is the main sport and the team are competitive locally. At the 2017 Pacific Mini Games, they beat Tonga and New Caledonia, and there have previously been wins over American Samoa and Samoa, plus a draw with Tahiti.

The next target for Tuvalu is to get to the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa, and while resolving the impasse at the OFC would help financially, another solution could be the FIFA Territories Fund for non-members. Applicants only need membership of a confederation, and criteria are based on the number of registered players and leagues. Tuvalu's league has nine clubs so would be eligible – although FIFA membership is still the real prize.

Tinilau says that FIFA wants a 3,000-capacity stadium and hotel first, and if Tuvalu's next bid fails then ConIFA says it will help the TNFA take the case to CAS, which helped Gibraltar win a lengthy battle for FIFA membership.

That took six years. So 14 years after they first attempted to join, Tuvalu's time is surely due. WS

2018 CONIFA WORLD FOOTBALL CUP

This year's ConIFA World Football Cup – for states, minorities, stateless peoples and regions unaffiliated with FIFA – was hosted by Barawa, a team representing the Somali diaspora in England, and was staged in southern England. The tournament was won by Karpatalja, representing the Hungarian minority in Ukraine, who beat Northern Cyprus on penalties.

The two previous editions were won by County of Nice (2014) and Abkhazia (2016).

➤ to Peru allows Denmark and France to play out a draw and both go through. Argentina qualify with a late winner against Nigeria as Iceland lose 2-1 to Croatia.

Wednesday June 27

ITALY: UEFA ban Milan from the forthcoming Europa League campaign following an investigation into the club's finances. Juventus sign Portuguese defender Joao Cancelo from Valencia for €40.4m.
PORTUGAL: Sporting sack coach Sinisa Mihajlovic just nine days after he was appointed.
RWANDA: APR secure their 17th Rwanda Premier League title with a 2-0 victory over Espoir on the final day of the season.
WORLD CUP: Germany lose 2-0 to South Korea and are knocked out. Sweden beat Mexico 3-0 to top Group F. Brazil progress with a 2-0 victory over Serbia, while Switzerland join them with a 2-2 draw against Costa Rica.

Thursday June 28

IRAN: World Cup striker Sardar Azmoun retires from international football at the age of 23, claiming his mother has become seriously ill because of the insults that he received during the tournament.
SERBIA: Former Tottenham Hotspur and Yugoslavia defender Goran Bunjevcevic dies at the age of 45. He had been working as a sporting director for the Serbian Football Association and underwent emergency surgery in May after suffering a stroke.
USA: Everton confirm agreement has been reached with DC United for the permanent transfer of Wayne Rooney. Formalities will be completed when the MLS window opens on July 10.
WORLD CUP: Japan create history as they lose 1-0 to Poland but qualify ahead of Senegal – who lose 1-0 to Colombia – on fairplay points. Belgium beat England 1-0 to top group G.

Friday June 29

CECAFA CUP: Reigning champions Azam of Tanzania begin this year's tournament on home soil with a 2-1 win over Kator of South Sudan.
SPAIN: A judge rules that former Barcelona president Sandro Rosell will stand trial on charges of money laundering involving the sale of TV rights for Brazil internationals. He has been in custody since his arrest last year.
USA: Seattle Sounders sign striker Raul Ruidiaz from Mexican club ➤

Italy

GAVIN HAMILTON

Ronaldo heads to Serie A

Juventus break the bank to land World Player of the Year

The numbers are staggering: 33-year-old Cristiano Ronaldo will earn €120million after tax over four years following his €105m transfer from Real Madrid to Juventus. When taxes and commission to agent Jorge Mendes are added, there will be little change from €370m.

It is a seismic transfer, the fourth biggest of all time, and one that signals the end of the rivalry with Barcelona's Lionel Messi that has dominated Spanish football for almost a decade.

Plenty of spin accompanied the announcement, made on the afternoon of the first World Cup semi-final, between France and Belgium. Real Madrid were keen to suggest that it was Ronaldo's decision, and his alone, to leave.

Ronaldo, in turn, paid an emotional tribute to Madrid fans, saying: "Real Madrid has conquered my heart, and that of my family, and that is why more than ever I want to say thank you."

Ronaldo had hinted at a departure from Madrid on a number of previous occasions, so comments in the aftermath of May's Champions League Final were taken with caution – especially as they were soon overshadowed by other events, as Zinedine Zidane quit as Real Madrid coach, and then Julen Lopetegui was sacked by Spain after doing a deal with Madrid to replace Zidane.

The Ronaldo announcement was greeted with bewilderment in some quarters, but the transfer suits all parties.

Juventus get a player who can take them to the "next level" in both footballing and financial terms. Ronaldo and his myriad endorsements will help Juve to close the monetary gap on the likes of Real Madrid, Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Manchester United, and the club's share price shot up when news broke of the transfer.

On the pitch, after their Champions League Final defeats in recent seasons, Juventus need the boost that perhaps only the world's best player can provide. The likes of Gianluigi Buffon, Stefan Lichtsteiner and Kwadwo Asamoah have been moved off the wage bill this summer. But with deals for Douglas Costa and Joao Cancelo already concluded for almost €80m, the club may have to make further sales to cover

Cashing in...fans buy their shirts

Big news...front pages reports

the outlay on Ronaldo, with previous record signing Gonzalo Higuain a possible sacrifice. Either way, Juve coach Max Allegri has exciting new options with which to plot another assault on the Champions League

For Real Madrid and president Florentino Perez, whose relations with Ronaldo have often been fractious, attention now turns to signing the next generation of *galacticos*, with Neymar, Eden Hazard, Kylian Mbappe and Harry Kane all names in the frame.

Ronaldo, meanwhile, joins a club where his needs will be served and respected, something he felt was not always the case with Madrid, and he could become the first player to win league championships in England, Spain and Italy.

The reality is that Ronaldo had few suitable suitors. Paris Saint-Germain already have Neymar and Mbappe, while the standard of MLS is still way below the level at which Ronaldo believes he can keep on playing for some years. Physically he is in remarkable shape – and in the form of his life, given his hat-trick in Portugal's 3-3 draw with Spain at the World Cup.

The deal is also good for Serie A and is on a par with Brazilian striker Ronaldo's switch from Barcelona to Internazionale in 1997.

> "Real Madrid has conquered my heart, and that of my family, and that is why more than ever I want to say thank you"
> Cristiano Ronaldo

Farewell...Ronaldo celebrates last season's Champions League win with Madrid

The major loser is La Liga, whose president Javier Tebas said: "We are above the name of the players, just like Real Madrid is bigger than the brand of Cristiano Ronaldo.

"In the last few years we have been working to ensure a move like this does not have such a big impact. Before I would have been worried nine out of 10, now I'm worried four out of 10."

Ronaldo's record at Real Madrid – an incredible 450 goals in 438 games – is unlikely to ever be bettered. But if he can deliver even a fraction of those goals for his new employers it will have been money well spent. WS

➤ Morelia following Peru's exit from the World Cup.

Saturday June 30

SCOTLAND: Former Rangers striker Kenny Miller is named player-manager of newly-promoted Premiership side Livingston.
WORLD CUP: Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo both exit at the round-of-16 stage, as Argentina and Portugal lose to France and Uruguay respectively.

Sunday July 1

ARGENTINA: Lucas Biglia retires from international football, the day after Javier Mascherano made the same announcement.
WORLD CUP: Both round-of-16 games go to penalties, with Russia beating Spain and Croatia eliminating Denmark. Andres Iniesta retires from international football following Spain's loss.

Agreement... Christian Gross

Monday July 2

ENGLAND: Liverpool announce Mohamed Salah has signed a new long-term contract with the club.
WORLD CUP: Brazil reach the last eight with a 2-0 victory over Mexico, as do Belgium, who come from 2-0 down to beat Japan 3-2.

Tuesday July 3

EGYPT: Former Tottenham Hotspur boss Christian Gross finally reaches an agreement to coach Zamalek, having been due to take charge in April before the deal appeared to collapse in May.
JAPAN: Keisuke Honda and Makoto Hasebe announce their international retirements.
POLAND: Adam Nawalka will stand down as coach at the end of July.
WORLD CUP: England win a penalty shoot-out at a World Cup for the first time in overcoming Colombia, while Sweden beat Switzerland 1-0. John Obi Mikel reveals his father was kidnapped just hours before he played in Nigeria's loss to Argentina.

Wednesday July 4

AUSTRALIA: Aaron Mooy is the PFA's Footballer of the Year for a third successive time. Daniel Arzani wins the Harry Kewell Medal for the best player aged under 23.
COSTA RICA: Oscar Ramirez will not have his contract as national coach renewed following the team's World Cup exit.

Thursday July 5

JAPAN: Akira Nishino, who took over in April after the sacking of Vahid Halilhodzic, is to step down as coach.
SAN MARINO: Tre Fiori become the first team from San Marino to win a European tie, beating Bala Town of Wales 3-1 on aggregate in the Europa League.
UEFA: Teams will be able to use a fourth substitute in extra time in this season's Champions League and Europa League.

Friday July 6

FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain sign 40-year-old Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon following his release by Juventus.
ITALY: Parma striker Emanuele Calaio is charged with match-fixing after allegedly sending messages to two Spezia players before a game on May 18, which Parma won 2-0 to secure promotion from Serie B.
USA: Jesse Marsch resigns as coach of New York Red Bulls and is replaced by his assistant, Chris Armas.
WORLD CUP: France beat Uruguay 2-0 to reach the semi-finals, where they will face Belgium, who beat Brazil 2-1.
ZAMBIA: Sven Vandenbroeck of Belgium is Zambia's new coach.

Newboy...Riyad Mahrez (centre) joins his Manchester City team-mates for training

Saturday July 7

WORLD CUP: England reach the last four with a 2-0 win against Sweden and are joined by Croatia, who put out Russia on penalties.

Sunday July 8

CAF: Kenyan referee Aden Marwa is banned from all football activities for life after being filmed by an undercover journalist accepting money ahead of the Russia World Cup. Ten other refs are suspended for between two and 10 years, with Togo's Yanissou Bebou and Jallow Ebrima of Gambia banned for 10 years each.
RUSSIA: His country's all-time most-capped player with 127 appearances, 38-year-old Sergei Ignashevich retires from international football.
SCOTLAND: Former Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland striker Alan Gilzean dies aged 79 after being diagnosed with a brain

tumour earlier this summer.

Monday July 9

SPAIN: Ex Barcelona and Roma boss Luis Enrique is appointed Spain coach. Fernando Hierro who stepped down as caretaker on Sunday, says he will not be returning to his former role as sporting director. Barcelona sign midfielder Arthur from Brazilian side Gremio in a deal reported to be worth €40m.

Tuesday July 10

ENGLAND: Manchester City sign Leicester City winger Riyad Mahrez for a club record £60m.
ITALY: Cristiano Ronaldo makes the move to Juventus from Real Madrid for a fee of €112m.
JAPAN: Ex-Spain striker Fernando Torres, who left Atletico Madrid at the end of last season, signs for Sagan Tosu.
MALAYSIA: Johor Darul Ta'zim beat Perak 2-1 to become the first club to claim five consecutive Malaysia Super League titles.
WORLD CUP: Samuel Umtiti scores the only goal of the game as France beat Belgium 1-0 in the semi-finals.

Wednesday July 11

BULGARIA: Ludogorets sub Jakub Swierczok scores a seven-minute hat-trick as they beat Crusaders 7-0 in the Champions League.
WORLD CUP: England surrender a one-goal lead and lose 2-1 in extra-time to Croatia thanks to goals from Ivan Perisic and Mario Mandzukic. WS

Boss... Luis Enrique

New start... Gianluigi Buffon

OBITUARIES

World Cup...Fouillioux (left) takes on

Alberto FOUILLIOUX (1940-2018)

Chile were surprise absentees from Russia this summer, after recent Copa America successes, and the sense of World Cup depression was exacerbated by the death of Alberto Fouillioux during the finals.

A strong, skilful inside-forward who later enjoyed a career as a sports presenter and commentator, he was one of the heroes of the side that finished a best-ever third at their own World Cup in 1962.

Between 1957 and 1969 he won two national championships with Universidad Catolica and led them to the Libertadores Cup semi-finals in 1966. He then had a season each with Huachipato and Union Espanola before playing in France with Lille from 1972 and 1974.

He scored 12 goals in 70 appearances for Chile over a period of 12 years after making his debut in a 2-1 defeat by West Germany in Stuttgart in March 1960. Those games included Chile's opening victories against Switzerland and Italy – the infamous Battle of Santiago – in the 1962 World Cup. He also played twice in the finals in England in 1966.

Keir Radnedge

Alan GILZEAN (1938-2018)

"The King of White Hart Lane" for Tottenham Hotspur fans during his decade in north London, he worked in the office of a carpet company before turning professional with Dundee, for whom he scored more than 150 goals – including seven in one game against Queen of the South – and getting two hat-tricks in the team's run to the semi-finals of the European Cup in 1963.

Bill Nicholson, who was rebuilding his Spurs team after the retirement of Danny Blanchflower and death of John White, bought him for £72,500 in 1964 after he scored twice at White Hart Lane in a testimonial game between an England XI and a Scotland XI to raise money for White's family. Over the next 10 years he would manage 133 goals in 433 games for Spurs and enjoy success in the 1967 FA Cup, the 1972 UEFA Cup and two League Cups.

He also scored 12 goals in 22 appearances for Scotland and was described by Jimmy Greaves as "possibly the best footballer I've ever played with."

Intriguingly, Hunter Davies's insight into Tottenham in 1972 recorded Gilzean as saying that "he didn't like football, didn't watch it when he wasn't playing and wouldn't miss it when it was over ...It was just a job, something he happened to be good at."

Keir Radnedge

Hacene LALMAS (1943-2018)

One of Algeria's greatest-ever players, he was a member of the national side for eight years, scoring 14 goals in 43 games and later trained the national junior side.

Hero...Alan Gilzean beats Manchester City's Colin Bell in the air at White Hart Lane

Internationals

COSAFA CUP

Played in Polokwane, South Africa

Group A

May 27
Madagascar 2 (Andrianarimanana 7, Andriamanjato 61)
Mozambique 1 (Luis Miquissone 51)
HT: 1-0

Comoros 1 (M'Changama 61)
Seychelles 1 (Coralie 84)
HT: 0-0

May 29
Mozambique 3 (Jeitoso 38, Luis Miquissone 42, 72)
Comoros 0
HT: 2-0

Seychelles 1 (Mellie 34)
Madagascar 1 (Bourahim 24)
HT: 1-1
Sent off: Manampisoa (Madagascar) 77

May 31
Madagascar 1 (Bourahim 45+1)
Comoros 0
HT: 1-0

Mozambique 2 (Luis Miquissone pen 11, Jeitoso 72)
Seychelles 1 (Tamboo 53)
HT: 1-0

COSAFA CUP – GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Madagascar (Q)	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Mozambique	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Seychelles	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Comoros	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Group B

May 28
Botswana 2 (Seakanyeng pen 4, Makgantai 44)
Angola 1 (Kaporal 59)
HT: 2-0

Mauritius 1 (Balisson 15)
Malawi 0
HT: 1-0

May 30
Angola 1 (Vincent og 64)
Mauritius 0
HT: 0-0

Malawi 1 (Sambani 6)
Botswana 1 (Seakanyeng 87)
HT: 1-0

Jun1
Angola 0
Malawi 0

Botswana 6 (Makgantai 3, 70, Phiri 16, Kgamanyane 20, Seakanyeng 26, Maikano 55)
Mauritius 0
HT: 4-0

COSAFA CUP – GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Botswana (Q)	3	2	1	0	9	2	7
Angola	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Mauritius	3	1	0	2	1	7	3
Malawi	3	0	2	1	1	2	2

● *The group winners qualified for the quarter-finals, which Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia & Zimbabwe entered directly*

Quarter-finals

Jun 2
Zambia 0
Namibia 0
Zambia 4-3 on pens

Lesotho 1 (Motebang 71)
Swaziland 0
HT: 0-0

Jun 3
South Africa 0
Madagascar 0
Madagascar 4-3 on pens

Zimbabwe 1 (Rusike 39)
Botswana 1 (Makgantai 61)
HT: 1-0
Zimbabwe 3-1 on pens

● *Losing teams entered Plate semi-finals (see bottom of this section)*

Semi-finals

Jun 6
Zambia 1 (Kambole 39)
Madagascar 0
HT: 1-0
Sent off: Andriamanjato (Madagascar) 89

Lesotho 0
Zimbabwe 0
Zimbabwe 3-1 on pens

3rd-place match

Jun 8
Madagascar 0
Lesotho 1 (Nkoto 10)
HT: 0-1

Final

Jun 9
Zambia 2 (Kambole 8, 50)
Zimbabwe 4 (Kadewere 4, 90+3, Billiat pen 100, 117)
Aet. **HT:** 1-1. **90mins:** 2-2

PLATE SEMI-FINALS
Jun 5: Namibia 1 South Africa 4; Swaziland 0 Botswana 2.

PLATE FINAL
(for 5th place overall)
Jun 8: South Africa 3 Botswana 0.

BALTIC CUP

May 30 - Rakvere
Estonia 2 (Ojamaa 23, Kait 42)
Lithuania 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Treimanis (Lat)

Jun 2 - Riga
Latvia 1 (Ikaunieks 70)
Estonia 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Lukjancukas (Lit)

Jun 5 - Vilnius
Lithuania 1 (Laukzemis 86)
Latvia 1 (Dubra 46)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Tohver (Est)

BALTIC CUP – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Latvia (C)	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Estonia	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Lithuania	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

3-NATION TOURNAMENT

Played in Niamey, Niger

May 27
Niger 3 (Cisse 20, Wonkoye 68, Adebayor 81)
Central African Republic 3 (Mafouta 29, Kethevoama 41, Toropite 88)
HT: 1-2

May 30
Central African Republic 1 (Kottoy 41)
Uganda 0
HT: 1-0

Jun 2
Niger 2 (Daouda 29, Adebayor 56)
Uganda 1 (Wadada 88)
HT: 1-0

3-NATION TOURNAMENT – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Niger (C)	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Cent Af Rep	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Uganda	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

Played in Mumbai, India

Jun1
India 5 (Chhetri 14, 34, 62, U Singh 48, Halder 78)
Taiwan 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Robesh (Sri)

Jun 2
Kenya 2 (Miheso 45+3, Ochieng 69)
New Zealand 1 (Singh 42)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Kumar (Ind)

Jun 4
India 3 (Chhetri pen 68, 90+2, Lalpekhlua 71)
Kenya 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Perera (Sri)

Jun 5
Taiwan 0
New Zealand 1 (Bevan pen 36)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Srikrishna (Ind)

Jun 7
India 1 (Chhetri 46)
New Zealand 2 (De Jong 49, Dyer 86)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Perera (Sri)

Jun 8
Taiwan 0
Kenya 4 (D Odhiambo 52, Atudo pen 54, 89, T Otieno 69)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Kumar (Ind)

INTERCONTINENTAL CUP – GROUP STAGE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
India (Q)	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Kenya (Q)	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Taiwan	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

The top 2 qualified for the Final

Final

Jun10
India 2 (Chhetri 8, 29)
Kenya 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Robesh (Sri)

TOURNOI DES 4

Played in Fort-de-France, Martinique

Semi-finals

Jun 5
Guadeloupe 0
Corsica 3 (Mandrichi 1, 55, 79)
HT: 0-1

Martinique 3 (Biron 27, 38, Herelle 30)
French Guiana 0
HT: 3-0

3rd-place match

Jun 7
Guadeloupe 0
French Guiana 2 (Evens 16, Torvic 53)
HT: 0-1
Sent off: Beral (Guadeloupe) 90+5

Final

Jun 7
Corsica 1 (Mandrichi 75)
Martinique 5 (Abaul 9, Jobello 40, Thimon pen 45+1, Grougi 66, Pastel 88)
HT: 0-3
Sent off: Tramoni (Corsica); Herelle (Martinique)

FRIENDLIES

Sunday, April 1
Apr1 - St.John's
Antigua & Barbuda 0
Dominica 0
Ref: Simmons (A&B)

Apr1 - Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia 7 (Wan Zack 10, Zaquan pen 19, 36, 39, 55, Irfan 27, Syafiq 74)
Bhutan 0
HT: 5-0

Tuesday, April 17
Apr17 - Couva
Trinidad & Tobago 0
Panama 1 (Gonzalez 90+2)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,300. **Ref:** Radix (Grn)
Trinidad & Tobago: Foncette - A Jones (St Hillaire 86), Cyrus, Gonzales, Hodge, London, Cato (Neptune 83), Goddard (N Garcia 72), Arcia (Dillon 61), Moore (Roach 53), Joseph (J Garcia 79).
Panama: Calderon - Palacios, Hormechea, Peralta, Ortega, Heraldez (Palacio 46), Pimentel (Carrasquilla 60), Nunez (Botello 46), Browne (Villarreal 60), Small (Dinolis 46), Fajardo (Gonzalez 60).

Wednesday, April 18
Apr18 - Harare
Zimbabwe 0
Botswana 1 (Kebaikanye 21)
HT: 0-1

Thursday, April 26
Apr 26 - Basseterre
St Kitts & Nevis 1 (Isles 54)
Jamaica 3 (Springer og 22, Reid 24, Marsh 36)
HT: 0-3. **Ref:** Radix (Grn)

Sunday, April 29
Apr 29 - St.John's
Antigua & Barbuda 0
Jamaica 2 (Vassell 43, Reid 57)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Gaymes (SVG)
Sent off: Allen (Antigua & Barbuda) 76

Tuesday, May 8
May 8 - Basra
Iraq 0
Palestine 0

Wednesday, May 9
May 9 - Cadiz, Spain
Algeria 0
Saudi Arabia 2 (Al Faraj 24, Al Shehri 81)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 175
Algeria: Moussaoui - Benmoussa, Chafai, Namani, Azzi (Arous 63), Boukhanchouche (Ben Khemassa 46), El Ouazzani (Bourdim 72), Bennacer (Zouari 76), Belkheir (El Orfi 53), Abid, Lakroum (Bouguelmouna 59).
Saudi Arabia: Al Maiouf - Al Mowalad (Al Burayk 84), Osama Hawsawi, Al Shahrani, Omar Hawsawi, Otayf (Ghaleb 86), Al Faraj (Kanno 87), Al Jassim (Al Khaibari 79), Bahebri (Al Shehri 70), Al Dawsari, Al Sahlawi (Al Kuwaykibi 70).

Friday, May 11
May11 - Kuwait City
Kuwait 2 (Al Tararwa 18, Nasser 56)
Palestine 0
HT: 1-0

Tuesday, May 15
May15 - Seville, Spain
Greece 0
Saudi Arabia 2 (Al Dawsari 19, Kanno 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 100. **Ref:** Del Cerro (Spa)
Greece: Barkas (Gianniotis 46) - Bakakis, Risvanis, Nikolaou, Giannoulis, Limnios (Lambropoulos 46), Tziolis (Androutsos 71), Tachtsidis, Bakasetas (Galanopoulos 90+2), Pelkas (Mantalos 60), Manias (Koulouris 60).
Sent off: Giannoulis 43.
Saudi Arabia: Al Mosailem - Al Burayk (Al Mowalad 86), Osama Hawsawi (Al Bulaihi 63), Omar Hawsawi, Al Shahrani, Al Faraj, Otayf (Al Khaibari 82), Al Shehri, Al Jassim (Kanno 63), Al Dawsari, Al Sahlawi (Al Muwallad 72).

Saturday, May 19
May19 - Tehran
Iran 1 (Cheshmi 17)
Uzbekistan 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 21,730. **Ref:** Al Athbah (Qat)
Iran: Abedzadeh (H Hosseini 46) - Ghafouri (J Hosseini 46), Khanzadeh, M Hosseini, Gholizadeh, Taremi (Mohammadi 68), Cheshmi (Ezatolahi 46), Hajsafi (Montazeri 59), Torabi, Ansarifard (Amiri 68), Ghoochannejhad.
Uzbekistan: Ergashev - Otakhonov, Tursunov, Ashurmatov (Kobilov 71), Komilov, Sidikov (Sobirhojaev 69), Khamrobekov (Giyosov 78), Ganiev, Turgunbayev (Jakhshibaev 75), Urinboev (Sidorov 83), Masharipov (Kenjabaev 88).

Sunday, May 20
May 20 - Amman
Jordan 3 (Bani Yaseen 18, Siaj 37, Al Rawashdeh 86)
Cyprus 0
HT: 2-0

Friday, May 25
May 25 - Machakos
Kenya 0
Swaziland 1 (Palma 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Ogwayo (Ken)

May 25 - Kuwait City
Kuwait 1 (Al Ansari 7)
Egypt 1 (Ashraf 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,500. **Ref:** Hategan (Rom)
Kuwait: Al Qallaf - Al Hajeri, Al Shammari, Al Qahtani, Al Rashidi, Al Dhafiri (S Al Enezi 46), Al Ansari (Jabarah 84), Al Fadhel (Al Mutawa 78), Al Harbi, Abdulaziz (Al Sulaiman 8; Al Azemi 55), F Al Enezi (Al Enezan 89).
Egypt: Ekramy - Gaber, Gabr, Hamdy, Hafez (Ashraf 62), Abdel Aziz (Kahraba 66), Hamed, Warda (Trezeguet 56), Shikabala (Said 46), Sobhi (Mohsen 78), Koka (Gomaa 46).

Saturday, May 26
May 26 - Nanjing
China 1 (Wu Lei 41)
Myanmar 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,537. **Ref:** Perera (Sri)

Sunday, May 27
May 27 - Beauvais, France
Cameroon 0
Burkina Faso 1 (Traore 64)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Millot (Fra)

Monday, May 28
May 28 - Zenica
Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Montenegro 0
Att: 5,215. **Ref:** Meckarovski (Mac)
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sehic - Todorovic, Vranjes, Spahic (Bicakcic 18), Nastic (Sunjic 77), Pjanic, Misimovic (Saric 18), Cimirot, Visca (Duljevic 62), Ibisevic (Kodro 18), Dzeko.
Montenegro: Petkovic - Marusic, Kopitovic, Simic, Stojkovic (Boljevic 75), Jankovic (Kajevic 80), Mirkovic (Hocko 86), Kosovic (Loncar 63), Vesovic, Beciraj (Djordjevic 80), Mugosa (Jovovic 73).

May 28 - Paris
France 2 (Giroud 40, Fekir 43)
Republic of Ireland 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Kabakov (Bul)
France: Mandanda - Sidibe (Pavard 82), Rami, Umtiti (Kimpembe 64), Mendy (Hernandez 63), Tolisso (Pogba 77), Nzonzi, Matuidi, Fekir (Griezmann 64), Giroud, Mbappe (Dembele 77).
Republic of Ireland: C Doyle - Coleman, Duffy, K Long (S Williams 80), D Williams (Doherty 82), Walters (Meyler 59), Browne (Arter 59), Rice, O'Dowda (Burke 70), McClean, S Long (Judge 70).

May 28 - St Gallen, Switzerland
Italy 2 (Balotelli 21, Belotti 68)
Saudi Arabia 1 (Al Shehri 72)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,100. **Ref:** Scharer (Swi)
Italy: Donnarumma - Zappacosta, Bonucci, Romagnoli, Criscito (De Sciglio 88), Florenzi (Bonaventura 67), Jorginho, Pellegrini (Verdi 73), Politano (Cristante 73), Balotelli (Belotti 58), Insigne (Chiesa 84).
Saudi Arabia: Al Owais - Al Shahrani, Osama Hawsawi (Al Bulaihi 84), Omar Hawsawi (M Hawsawi 90+4), Al Harbi, Otayf, Al Faraj (Al Mogahwi 90+3), Al Shehri, Kanno (Al Dawsari 46), Al Jassim, M Assiri (Al Muwallad 69).

May 28 - Machakos
Kenya 1 (Mutamba 72)
Equatorial Guinea 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Juma (Ken)

May 28 - Pasadena, USA
Mexico 0
Wales 0
Att: 82,345. **Ref:** Villarreal (USA)
Mexico: J J Corona - Alvarez, Ayala, Alanis (Salcedo 46), Gallardo, Herrera (J Dos Santos 61), Molina (Damm 46), Gutierrez (Fabian 74), J M Corona (G Dos Santos 69), Javier Hernandez (Peralta 59), Aquino.
Wales: Hennessey - Gunter (Roberts 46), A Williams (Lockyer 21), Mepham, B Davies, King, Ledley (John 46), Wilson (Thomas 64), Ramsey, Lawrence (Smith 81), Vokes (Brooks 46).

May 28 - Port Harcourt
Nigeria 1 (Troost-Ekong 14)
DR Congo 1 (Malango pen 78)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Afful (Gha)
Nigeria: Uzoho - Balogun (Omeruo 66), Ebuehi (Shehu 76), Echiejile (Aina 46), Troost-Ekong, Obi (Agu 46), Onazi, Etebo, Lokosa (Musa 73), Iheanacho (Iwobi 46), Nwankwo.
DR Congo: Mossi - Mpeko, Munganga (Ngoma 58), Bangala (Mabidi 58), Ngonda, M'Poku (Tulengi 73), Elia (Kassongo 66), Bompunga, Luyindama, Afobe (Malango 73), Kasengu (Ngulubi 90+1).

May 28 - Braga
Portugal 2 (Andre Silva 22, Joao Mario 34)
Tunisia 2 (Badri 39, F Ben Youssef 64)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 17,220. **Ref:** Banti (Ita)
Portugal: Anthony Lopes - Ricardo Pereira (Cedric 72), Pepe (Jose Fonte 63), Ruben Dias, Raphael Guerreiro (Mario Rui 46), Joao Mario (Joao Moutinho 80), William Carvalho, Adrien Silva (Manuel Fernandes 63), Bernardo Silva (Goncalo Guedes 72), Andre Silva, Ricardo Quaresma.
Tunisia: Hassen - Nagguez, Benalouane, Meriah, Haddadi (Maaloul 46), Badri (Akaichi 87), Skhiri, Sassi, Sliti (Srarfi 76), Khaoui (F Ben Youssef 46), Khalifa (Chalali 67).

May 28 - Daegu
South Korea 2 (Son Heung-min 60, Moon Seon-min 73)
Honduras 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,252. **Ref:** Kimura (Jap)
South Korea: Cho Hyun-woo - Go Yo-han (Lee Yong 77), Jung Seung-hyun (Oh Ban-suk 71), Kim Young-gwon, Hong Chul (Kim Min-woo 56), Lee Chung-yong (Moon Seon-min 56), Ju Se-jong, Jung Woo-young, Lee Seung-woo (Park Joo-ho 85), Hwang Hee-chan, Son Heung-min (Kim Shin-wook 78).
Honduras: Escober - Beckeles (Crisanto 83), H Figueroa, Leveron, Alvarado (Sanchez 86), A Lopez (W Martinez 83), Claros (Benavidez 87), A Mejia, M Martinez (Lanza 75), Rojas (I Lopez 70), Castillo.

May 28 - Istanbul
Turkey 2 (Tosun 6, 50)
Iran 1 (Dejagah pen 90+2)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Kovalenko (Uzb)
Turkey: Serkan - Sener, Ayhan, Caglar, Kaldirim (Bayram 86), Mehmet Topal (Umut 78), Okay, Yusuf (Turuc 65), Akbaba (Ozyakup 58), Cengiz (Gurler 46), Tosun (Serbest 78).
Sent off: Bayram 90+1.
Iran: Beiranvand - Rezaeian, Cheshmi, Pouraliganji, Mohammadi, Jahanbakhsh (Torabi 75), Ansarifard (Dejagah 71), Shojaei (Ebrahimi 68), Hajsafi (Amiri 58), Taremi (Ghoddos 59), Azmoun (Ghoochannejhad 80).

May 28 - Chester
United States 3 (Zimmerman 37, Sargent 52, Weah 59)
Bolivia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,882. **Ref:** Nation (Jam)
United States: Bono - Lichaj (Olosunde 74), Zimmerman, Palmer-Brown, Robinson, McKennie, Weah (Green 61), Corona (Parks 61), Pulisic (Villafana 89), Rubin (Gooch 73), Sargent (Novakovich 61).
Bolivia: Vizcarra (Lampe 46) - Anez, Haquin, Raldes, Baldomar (Sagredo 32), Sanchez (Vaca 66), Saucedo, Bejarano (Maygua 79), Ribera (Rodriguez 77), Ali, Vargas (Miranda 63).

Tuesday, May 29
May 29 - Zurich, Switzerland
Albania 0
Kosovo 3 (Zeneli 20, 51, Zhegrova 67)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Bieri (Swi)

May 29 - Buenos Aires
Argentina 4 (Messi pen 17, 58, 66, Aguero 69)
Haiti 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Samaniego (Par)
Argentina: Caballero - Salvio, Otamendi, Fazio (Rojo 46), Tagliafico (Acuna 71), Lanzini (Meza 59), Mascherano, Lo Celso (Banega 75), Di Maria (Pavon 59), Messi, Higuain (Aguero 59).
Haiti: Placide - Arcus (Vernet 89), Ade, Jerome, Christian, Herivaux (Labissiere 67), Alceus (Chevreuil 67), Vorbe (Sabat 46), Cantave (Sprangers 78), Nazon, Sanon (Etienne 46).

May 29 - Wattens, Austria
Armenia 1 (Yagan 13)
Malta 1 (Agius pen 45+1)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Weinberger (Aut)
Sent off: Haroyan (Armenia) 77

May 29 - Baku
Azerbaijan 3 (Medvedev 17, Madatov 75, Abbasov 83)
Kyrgyzstan 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Palabiyik (Tur)

May 29 - Panama City
Panama 0
Northern Ireland 0
Att: 26,000. **Ref:** Bejarano (CR)
Panama: Calderon - Machado, Baloy (R Torres 76), Escobar, Ovalle, Gomez (Pimentel 46), Barcenas, Godoy (Avila 46), Cooper (Camargo 46), J Rodriguez (Diaz 60), Tejada (Perez 46).
Northern Ireland: Carson (Peacock-Farrell 46) - Dallas (Hodson 59), Cathcart, McAuley, Hughes, Ferguson (Smyth 72), C Evans (Thompson 82), McNair, J Evans, Boyce (R McLaughlin 72), Magennis (Lavery 88).

May 29 - Lima
Peru 2 (Cueva pen 37, Farfan 47)
Scotland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Guerrero (Mex)
Peru: Carvallo - Advincula (Corzo 87), Ramos, Rodriguez, Trauco, Flores, Tapia (Cartagena 84), Yotun (Ruidiaz 69), Carrillo (Polo 69), Farfan (Hurtado 81), Cueva (Aquino 80).
Scotland: Archer - O'Donnell, Mulgrew, McKenna, Stevenson, McGeouch (Shinnie 76), McLean (Cadden 87), McTominay, McGinn (Paterson 63), Murphy (McBurnie 63), Phillips (Morgan 72).

Wednesday, May 30
May 30 - Innsbruck
Austria 1 (Schopf 28)
Russia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Nijhuis (Hol)
Austria: Lindner - Lainer, Dragovic, Prodl, Hinteregger, Baumgartlinger (Grillitsch 46), Zulj (Ilsanker 80), Kainz (Schlager 72), Schaub (Burgstaller 46), Schopf (Alaba 58), Arnautovic (Alar 83).
Russia: Akinfeev - Fernandes (Smolnikov 68), Ignashevich, Granat, Kudryashov, Zobnin, Samedov (Anton Miranchuk 63), Kuzyaev (Dzagoev 56), Golovin (Aleksey Miranchuk 76), Zhirkov (Cheryshev 64), Smolov (Dzyuba 72).

May 30 - Yokohama
Japan 0
Ghana 2 (Partey 8, Boateng pen 51)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 64,520. **Ref:** Beath (Aus)
Japan: Kawashima - Yoshida, Hasebe (Ideguchi 76), Makino, Haraguchi (G Sakai 46), Oshima, Yamaguchi (Shibasaki 60), Nagatomo, Honda (Okazaki 59), Osako (Muto 46), Usami (Kagawa 46).
Ghana: Ofori - Yiadom, Opoku, Sumaila (Gyasi 77), Agbenyenu, Sackey (Nuhu 71), Attamah, Partey, Acheampong (Dwamena 64), Boateng (Wriedt 82), Ampomah.

Thursday, May 31
May 31 - Luxembourg
Luxembourg 0
Senegal 0
Att: 3,816. **Ref:** Estrada Fernandez (Spa)
Luxembourg: Moris - Jans, Malget, Gerson, Carlson (Janisch 80), C Martins (Skenderovic 83), Turpel, Barreiro, Mutsch (Da Mota 56; Bohnert 90+3), Rodrigues, Joachim (Mahmutovic 90+4).
Senegal: K N'Diaye - Wague, Kouyate, Koulibaly (Sane 46), Ciss (Gassama 46), Sarr (Sakho 65), Gueye (B N'Diaye 46), A N'Diaye (N'Doye 69), Balde (Diouf 46), Konate, Niang.

May 31 - Graz, Austria
Romania 3 (Stanciu 13, Deac 66, Budescu 84)
Chile 2 (Maripan 32, Reyes 52)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Jager (Aut)
Romania: Tatarusanu - Benzar, Nedelcearu (Balasa 60), Sapunaru, Tosca, Nedelcu (Baluta 71), Rotariu (Deac 54), Cicaldau (Budescu 66), Stanciu, Grozav (Chipciu 54), Tucudean (Puscas 74).
Chile: Collao - Diaz (Bizama 77), Lichnovsky, Maripan, Vegas (Albornoz 46), Medel (Mora 73), Reyes, Sagal, Valdes (Martinez 85), Rodriguez (Henriquez 41), Castillo.
Sent off: Castillo 30.

May 31 - Trnava
Slovakia 1 (Nemec 8)
Holland 1 (Promes 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,432. **Ref:** Frankowski (Pol)
Slovakia: Dubravka - Pekarik, Hubocan (Satka 73), Skriniar, Mazan, Kucka (Sabo 63), Lobotka, Hamsik (Duda 73), Mak (Pacinda 63), Nemec (Duris 63), Rusnak (Mihalik 90).
Holland: Zoet - Janmaat, De Ligt, De Vrij, Blind (Kongolo 66), Van Aanholt (Elia 75), Van de Beek (Vormer 46), Propper (Berghuis 75), Strootman (De Roon 81), Depay, Promes (Weghorst 84).

May 31 - Geneva, Switzerland
Ukraine 0
Morocco 0
Att: 8,000. **Ref:** Scharer (Swi)
Ukraine: Pyatov - Karavaev, Krivtsov, Burda, Matviyenko, Kovalenko (Shaparenko 46), Stepanenko (Malinovskyi 64), Yarmolenko (Marlos 46), Zinchenko, Konoplyanka (Sydorchuk 76), Seleznyov (Besedin 46).
Morocco: El Kajoui - Benatia (Hakimi 46), Da Costa, Saiss, N Amrabat (Fajr 72), El Ahmadi (Ait Bennasser 72), Boussoufa, Mendyl (S Amrabat 83), Belhanda (Bouhaddouz 64), Ziyech, Boutaib (Harit 46).

Friday, June 1
Jun1 - Algiers
Algeria 2 (Bensebaini 5, Bounedjah 30)
Cape Verde Islands 3 (Ricardo Gomes 14, Ryan Mendes 67, Julio Tavares 72)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** Marouf (Egy)

Jun1 - St Polten, Austria
Czech Republic 0
Australia 4 (Leckie 32, 72, Nabbout 54, Jugas og 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 656. **Ref:** Harkam (Aut)
Czech Republic: Koubek - Boril, Kalas, Jugas, Novak, Darida, Husbauer, Schick (Sural 75), Barak (Sykora 57), Kopic (Horava 83), Krmencik (Jankto 46).
Australia: Ryan - Risdon (Degenek 76), Sainsbury, Milligan, Behich, Leckie (Arzani 84), Mooy, Luongo, Kruse (Petratos 73), Rogic (Irvine 66), Nabbout (Maclaren 61).

Jun1 - Bergamo, Italy
Egypt 0
Colombia 0
Att: 3,883. **Ref:** Mazzoleni (Ita)
Egypt: El Shenawy (El Hadary 46) - Fathy, Samir, Hegazy, Abdelshafy, Hamed, Morsy (Abdel Aziz 68), Trezeguet (Elmohammady 57), Said (Shikabala 80), Sobhi (Warda 66), Mohsen (Kahraba 63).
Colombia: Ospina - Arias, Mina (Murillo 46), D Sanchez, Fabra (Mojica 46), Lerma (Borja 81), C Sanchez, Juan Cuadrado (Izquierdo 46), Rodriguez, Uribe (Quintero 63), Falcao (Bacca 66).

Jun1 - Nice
France 3 (Umtiti 8, Griezmann pen 29, Dembele 63)
Italy 1 (Bonucci 36)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 34,500. **Ref:** Taylor (Eng)
France: Lloris - Pavard, Rami, Umtiti, Hernandez (Mendy 62), Tolisso (Matuidi 77), Kante, Pogba (Nzonzi 86), Mbappe (Thauvin 83), Griezmann (Giroud 77), Dembele (Lemar 71).
Italy: Sirigu - D'Ambrosio (Florenzi 74), Caldara, Bonucci, De Sciglio, Pellegrini (Cristante 65), Jorginho (Bonaventura 78), Mandragora, Berardi (Insigne 74), Balotelli (Belotti 86), Chiesa (Zappacosta 88).

Jun1 - Schwaz, Austria
Georgia 1 (Kashia pen 89)
Malta 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Schuttengruber (Aut)
Sent off: Gvilia (Georgia) 53

Jun1 - Jeonju
South Korea 1 (Lee Jae-sung 30)
Bosnia-Herzegovina 3 (Visca 28, 45+1, 79)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 41,254. **Ref:** Green (Aus)
South Korea: Kim Seung-gyu - Yun Young-sun (Jung Seung-hyun 75), Ki Sung-yueng (Kim Shin-wook 87), Oh Ban-suk (Kwon Kyung-won 46), Lee Yong, Koo Ja-cheol (Ju Se-jong 75), Jung Woo-young, Kim Min-woo, Lee Jae-sung (Moon Seon-min 80), Hwang Hee-chan (Lee Seung-woo 80), Son Heung-min.
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sehic - Todorovic (Bicakcic 75), Sunjic, Zukanovic, Civic, Cimirot (Loncar 85), Besic, Pjanic (Saric 57), Visca (Milosevic 82), Dzeko (Bajic 60), Duljevic (Zakaric 67).

Jun1 - Geneva, Switzerland
Turkey 2 (Tosun pen 54, Caglar 90)
Tunisia 2 (Badri 56, Sassi 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** San (Swi)
Turkey: Serkan - Sener, Ayhan, Caglar, Kaldirim, Mahmut, Okay (Mehmet Topal 46), Irfan (Ozyakup 64), Yusuf (Malli 46), Tosun, Cengiz (Ozcan 77). *Sent off: Tosun 59.*
Tunisia: Hassen - Bronn (Nagguez 76), S Ben Youssef, Meriah, Maaloul (Haddadi 82), Khaoui (Ben Amor 53), Skhiri (Srarfi 70), Sassi, Badri, F Ben Youssef (Khalifa 75), Sliti (Chalali 82).

World Service

Saturday, June 2

Jun 2 - Klagenfurt
Austria 2 (Hinteregger 53, Schopf 69)
Germany 1 (Ozil 11)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 29,200. **Ref:** Kralovec (CzR)
Austria: Siebenhandl - Dragovic, Prodl, Hinteregger, Lainer, Baumgartlinger, Grillitsch (Ilsanker 79), Alaba, Schopf (Bauer 76), Zulj (Kainz 88), Arnautovic (Burgstaller 84).
Germany: Neuer - Kimmich, Sule, Rudiger, Hector, Khedira (Rudy 46), Gundogan (Goretzka 56), Brandt (Werner 67), Ozil (Draxler 76), Sane (Reus 67), Petersen (Gomez 76).

Jun 2 - Brussels
Belgium 0
Portugal 0
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Kassai (Hun)
Belgium: Courtois - Alderweireld, Kompany (Boyata 55), Vertonghen, Meunier, De Bruyne, Dembele (Fellaini 46), Carrasco (Chadli 46), Mertens (Januzaj 46), E Hazard (T Hazard 80), R Lukaku (Benteke 46).
Portugal: Beto - Cedric, Pepe, Jose Fonte, Raphael Guerreiro, Gelson Martins (Ricardo Quaresma 63), Joao Moutinho (Bruno Fernandes 87), William Carvalho, Joao Mario (Manuel Fernandes 72), Bernardo Silva (Andre Silva 78), Goncalo Guedes (Mario Rui 90+3).

Jun 2 - London
England 2 (Cahill 7, Kane 39)
Nigeria 1 (Iwobi 47)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 70,025. **Ref:** Guida (Ita)
England: Pickford - Walker, Stones, Cahill, Dier, Trippier, Lingard (Loftus-Cheek 67), Alli (Delph 82), Young (Rose 68), Kane (Welbeck 73), Sterling (Rashford 73).
Nigeria: Uzoho - Shehu (Ebuehi 46), Troost-Ekong, Balogun (Omeruo 46), Idowu, Onazi (Etebo 46), Obi (Ogu 46), Iwobi, Mikel, Moses (Musa 63), Ighalo (Iheanacho 77).

Jun 2 - Houston, USA
Honduras 0
El Salvador 1 (Pineda 19)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,747. **Ref:** Unkel (USA)

Jun 2 - Reykjavik
Iceland 2 (A Finnbogason pen 30, G Sigurdsson 70)
Norway 3 (Johnsen 15, King 80, Sorloth 85)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,172. **Ref:** Eriksson (Swe)
Iceland: Schram - Saevarsson, Arnason, R Sigurdsson (Ingason 46), Magnusson, J Gudmundsson, B Bjarnason (A Gudmundsson 88), Hallfredsson (Fridjonsson 83), Gislason (A Skulason 64), Bodvarsson (G Sigurdsson 63), A Finnbogason (Sigurdarson 46).
Norway: Jarstein - Svensson, Nordtveit, Ajer, Linnes, Johansen, Henriksen, Berge (Selnaes 46), Fossum, T Elyounoussi (King 71), Johnsen (Sorloth 71).

Jun 2 - Mexico City
Mexico 1 (G Dos Santos 13)
Scotland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,993. **Ref:** Bejarano (CR)
Mexico: Ochoa - Alvarez, Ayala, Salcedo (Marquez 46), Gallardo, Layun, Herrera (Fabian 58), Vela (Aquino 63), G Dos Santos (J Dos Santos 57), Lozano (J M Corona 73), Jimenez (Peralta 57).
Scotland: McLaughlin (Bain 46) - O'Donnell, Hendry, McKenna, Shinnie, McGeouch, McLean (Cadden 55), Russell, Paterson (Mulgrew 55), Christie (McGinn 55), McBurnie (Morgan 80).

Jun 2 - Podgorica
Montenegro 0
Slovenia 2 (Bezjak pen 39, Zajc 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,944. **Ref:** Pajac (Cro)
Montenegro: Mijatovic - Vesovic, Kopitovic, Simic (Bakrac 73), Marusic, Kosovic (Loncar 55), Mirkovic (Haksabanovic 69), Jankovic (Boljevic 87), Jovovic (Djordjevic 63), Beciraj, Mugosa (Kajevic 84).
Slovenia: Belec - Jokic, Blazic, Mevlja (Boben 73), Milec (Stojanovic 46), Krhin (Majer 62), Kurtic (Dervisevic 56), Bezjak, Zajc, Verbic (Crnigoj 62), Matavz (Sporar 46).

Jun 2 - Dublin
Republic of Ireland 2 (Burke 57, Judge 90)
United States 1 (Wood 45+1)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 32,300. **Ref:** Dallas (Sco)
Republic of Ireland: Doyle - Duffy (Stevens 77), O'Shea (Lenihan 35), K Long, Coleman, Hendrick (Arter 83), Rice, O'Dowda (Judge 89), McClean, Burke (Horgan 58), Walters.
United States: Hamid - Yedlin (Moore 70), Carter-Vickers (Parker 61), Miazga, Villafana, Trapp, Weah, Adams, McKennie (Corona 81), Rubin (De la Torre 77), Wood (Sargent 70).

Jun 2 - Stockholm
Sweden 0
Denmark 0
Att: 41,558. **Ref:** Stieler (Ger)
Sweden: Olsen - Krafth (Lustig 74), Lindelof, Granqvist (Jansson 46), Olsson, Durmaz (Sebastian Larsson 83), Hiljemark, Ekdal (Svensson 46), Forsberg, Berg (Rohden 65), Toivonen (Kiese Thelin 65).
Denmark: Schmeichel - Dalsgaard, Kjaer (Vestergaard 63), Christensen, Larsen, Kvist, Delaney, Poulsen (Fischer 77), Krohn-Dehli (Schone 60), Sisto (Braithwaite 46), N Jorgensen (Dolberg 73).

Jun 2 - Bangkok
Thailand 0
China 2 (Wu Lei 34, 74)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 23,750. **Ref:** Letchman (Sin)

Sunday, June 3

Jun 3 - Evian-les-Bains, France
Albania 1 (Ndoj 88)
Ukraine 4 (Konoplyanka 31, 90, Yarmolenko 35, 45+1)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Letexier (Fra)
Albania: Berisha - Hysaj, Djimsiti, Mavraj, Veseli, Lilaj (Ajeti 65), Ndoj, Roshi (Memolla 46), Ramadani (Qaka 26), Lenjani (Balaj 46), Manaj (Cikalleshi 58).
Ukraine: Lunin - Sobol, Burda, Kryvtsov, Butko (Karavaev 82), Zinchenko (Sydorchuk 71), Konoplyanka, Malinovskyi (Kovalenko 71), Marlos (Shaparenko 57), Yarmolenko, Besedin (Seleznyov 46).

Jun 3 - Almada, Portugal
Andorra 0
Cape Verde Islands 0
Ref: Fabio Verissimo (Por)
Cape Verde 4-2 on pens (this was a one-off game for the 'Almada Cup')

Jun 3 - Bridgetown
Barbados 0
Belize 0
Ref: Radix (Grn)

Jun 3 - San Jose
Costa Rica 3 (Venegas 30, Campbell 46, Calvo 66)
Northern Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,100. **Ref:** Guerrero (Mex)
Costa Rica: Navas (Moreira 35) - Gamboa (Smith 64), Acosta, Gonzalez (Waston 73), Duarte (Calvo 46), Oviedo, Campbell, Borges (Tejeda 64), Guzman, Colindres, Venegas (Matarrita 70).
Northern Ireland: Carson (Hazard 73) - Hodson (C McLaughlin 60), Cathcart (McCullough 73), McAuley, Hughes, J Evans, Boyce (McCartan 39), McNair, C Evans (Thompson 85), Dallas, Magennis (R McLaughlin 60).

Jun 3 - Liverpool, England
Croatia 0
Brazil 2 (Neymar 69, Roberto Firmino 90+3)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** Oliver (Eng)
Croatia: Subasic - Vrsaljko (Jedvaj 87), Corluka (Caleta-Car 52), Lovren, Vida, Badelj (Brozovic 61), Rakitic (Bradaric 83), Rebic (Pjaca 64), Modric (Kovacic 58), Perisic, Kramaric.
Brazil: Alisson - Danilo, Thiago Silva, Miranda (Marquinhos 65), Marcelo (Filipe Luis 60), Willian (Fred 82), Casemiro, Fernandinho (Neymar 46), Paulinho, Gabriel Jesus (Roberto Firmino 60), Philippe Coutinho (Taison 82).

Jun 3 - St Gallen, Switzerland
Saudi Arabia 0
Peru 3 (Carrillo 20, Guerrero 41, 64)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 18,053. **Ref:** San (Swi)
Saudi Arabia: Al Maiouf - Al Burayk, M Hawsawi, Al Bulaihi, Al Harbi (Al Shahrani 46), Al Khaibari (Al Khaibri 69), Al Faraj (Al Jassim 46), Al Muwallad (Kuwaykibi 77), Al Mogahwi, Al Dawsari (Al Sahlawi 61), Bahebri (Al Abed 68).
Peru: Gallese - Advincula (Corzo 63), Ramos (Araujo 46), Santamaria, Trauco (Loyola 61), Carrillo, Yotun, Tapia, Flores (Hurtado 70), Cueva (Pena 76), Guerrero (Farfan 65).

Jun 3 - Villarreal
Spain 1 (Odriozola 29)
Switzerland 1 (Rodriguez 62)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,350. **Ref:** Kovacs (Rom)
Spain: De Gea - Odriozola (Nacho 70), Pique, Azpilicueta, Jordi Alba (Monreal 78), Koke, Thiago, Iago Aspas (Lucas Vazquez 46), Iniesta (Saul 55), Silva (Marco Asensio 60), Diego Costa (Rodrigo 60).
Switzerland: Sommer - Lichtsteiner (Lang 63), Schar (Djourou 46), Akanji, Rodriguez (Moubandje 78), Behrami (G Fernandes 63), Zakaria, Shaqiri, Dzemaili (Embolo 46), Zuber, Seferovic (Drmic 46).

Monday, June 4

Jun 4 - Kematen, Austria
Armenia 0
Moldova 0
Ref: Schuttengruber (Aut)

Jun 4 - Turin
Italy 1 (Zaza 67)
Holland 1 (Ake 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,500. **Ref:** Bezborodov (Rus)
Italy: Perin - Zappacosta (De Sciglio 59), Rugani, Romagnoli, Criscito, Cristante, Jorginho (Baselli 78), Bonaventura (Pellegrini 87), Verdi (Chiesa 61), Belotti (Zaza 63), Insigne (Bonucci 70). *Sent off: Criscito 69.*
Holland: Cillessen - Hateboer (Janmaat 46), De Ligt (Ake 71), Van Dijk, Blind (Weghorst 78), Vilhena, Vormer (Berghuis 70), De Roon (Promes 78), Wijnaldum, Depay, Babel (Elia 82).

Jun 4 - Graz, Austria
Serbia 0
Chile 1 (Maripan 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Harkam (Aut)
Serbia: Stojkovic - Rukavina, Milenkovic, Tosic, Kolarov (Rodic 80), Grujic, Milivojevic (Matic 46), Zivkovic (Tadic 65), Ljajic (Milinkovic-Savic 46), Radonjic (Kostic 64), Mitrovic (Jovic 84).
Chile: Arias - Diaz (Bizama 73), Roco, Maripan, Albornoz (Vegas 73), Pulgar (Martinez 87), Reyes, Sagal (Rodriguez 87), Valdes, Fernandes (Lichnovsky 90+2), Mora (Henriquez 65).

Jun 4 - Geneva, Switzerland
Slovakia 1 (Gregus 59)
Morocco 2 (El Kaabi 64, Belhanda 74)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Tschudi (Swi)
Slovakia: Sulla - Sekulic, Satka, Skriniar, Hubocan (Valjent 79), Kucka (Pacinda 46), Hrosovsky (Lobotka 58), Hamsik (Gregus 46), Duda, Duris (Rusnak 46), Mak (Nemec 46).
Morocco: Bounou - Hakimi, Benatia, Saiss (Da Costa 46), Mendyl (Harit 46), El Ahmadi (Ait Bennasser 83), Boussoufa (Fajr 76), N Amrabat, Belhanda, Ziyech (Carcela 75), Boutaib (El Kaabi 60).

Tuesday, June 5

Jun 5 - Astana
Kazakhstan 3 (Murtazaev 13, Muzhikov 14, Zainutdinov 90)
Azerbaijan 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Tean (Mol)

Jun 5 - Luxembourg
Luxembourg 1 (Joachim 69)
Georgia 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Griffith (Wal)

Jun 5 - Ploiesti
Romania 2 (Manea 37, Deac 61)
Finland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,312. **Ref:** Harvey (RoI)
Romania: Tatarusanu (Lobont 87) - Manea, Sapunaru (Tosca 57), Balasa, Bancu, Anton, Stoian, Deac (Man 64), Budescu (Chipciu 57), Mitrita (Grozav 80), Baluta (Puscas 63).
Finland: Hradecky - Toivomaki, Toivio, Vaisanen, Pirinen (Uronen 63), Lod, Lam (Kamara 57), Sparv, Taylor (Vayrynen 76), Skrabb (Soiri 57), Sadik (Karjalainen 63).

Jun 5 - Moscow
Russia 1 (Samedov 35)
Turkey 1 (Malli 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Hategan (Rom)
Russia: Akinfeev - Smolnikov (Fernandes 77), Kutepov, Ignashevich, Samedov (Anton Miranchuk 87), Zobnin (Kuzyaev 90+4), Gazinsky (Kudryashov 76), Zhirkov, Dzagoev (Aleksey Miranchuk 60), Golovin, Smolov.
Turkey: Serkan - Sener (Mehmet Celik 90), Ayhan, Caglar, Kaldirim, Yusuf (Ozyakup 46), Okay, Mahmut (Mehmet Topal 46), Irfan (Malli 46), Karaman (Akbaba 82), Cengiz (Gurler 76).

Wednesday, June 6

Jun 6 - Brest
Belarus 1 (Saroka 26)
Hungary 1 (R Varga 29)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,400. **Ref:** Lapochkin (Rus)

Jun 6 - Brussels
Belgium 3 (R Lukaku 27, E Hazard 38, Fellaini 90+2)
Egypt 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 27,724. **Ref:** Sidiropoulos (Gre)
Belgium: Courtois - Alderweireld, Ciman, Vertonghen (Boyata 81), Meunier (T Hazard 70), De Bruyne, Witsel (Fellaini 46), Carrasco, Mertens (Chadli 46), E Hazard (Januzaj 46), R Lukaku (Batshuayi 46).
Egypt: El Hadary (El Shenawy 46) - Fathy (Elmohammady 71), Gabr, Hegazy, Abdelshafy, Elneny, Hamed (Morsy 62), Warda (Gaber 79), Said, Sobhi (Kahraba 67), Mohsen (Trezeguet 56).

Jun 6 - Schwechat, Austria
Czech Republic 1 (Kalas 25)
Nigeria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Weinberger (Aut)
Czech Republic: Vaclik (Pavlenka 46) - Kalas, Suchy, Jugas, Coufal, Husbauer (Horava 65), Soucek (Travnik 65), Barak, Jankto (Boril 79), Sural (Kopic 84), Schick (Krmencik 69).
Nigeria: Uzoho - Balogun, Troost-Ekong, Ogu, Shehu (Ebuehi 46), Iwobi, Mikel (Iheanacho 80), Ndidi, Idowu (Echiejile 69), Moses (Musa 79), Ighalo (Nwankwo 69).

Jun 6 - Oslo
Norway 1 (King 4)
Panama 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,435. **Ref:** Gozubuyuk (Hol)
Norway: Grytebust (Nyland 46) - Linnes, Reginiussen, Ajer, Meling, Johansen (Selnaes 77), Henriksen, Berge (Midtsjo 46), Fossum (Zahid 89), King (Kamara 46), Johnsen (Sorloth 60).
Panama: Penedo - Machado (Murillo 46), R Torres (Cummings 58), Escobar, Davis, Gomez (Pimentel 79), Barcenas (G Torres 46), Godoy, Cooper, J Rodriguez (Quintero 46), Perez (Diaz 58).

Thursday, June 7

Jun 7 - Leeds
England 2 (Rashford 13, Welbeck 76)
Costa Rica 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 36,104. **Ref:** Kimura (Jap)
England: Butland (Pope 65) - Jones, Stones (Cahill 65), Maguire, Henderson (Alli 64), Alexander-Arnold (Trippier 64), Loftus-Cheek (Lingard 79), Delph, Rose, Vardy (Welbeck 61), Rashford.
Costa Rica: Navas - Waston, Gonzalez, Calvo, Gamboa (Smith 72), Borges, Guzman (Tejeda 69), Oviedo (Matarrita 60), Campbell, Urena, Venegas (Bolanos 60).

Jun 7 - Reykjavik
Iceland 2 (Arnason 6, A Finnbogason 40)
Ghana 2 (Nuhu 66, Partey 87)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 9,723. **Ref:** Madley (Eng)
Iceland: Halldorsson - Eyjolfsson, Arnason, R Sigurdsson, A Skulason, J Gudmundsson, G Sigurdsson (Gislason 67), Hallfredsson (O Skulason 88), B Bjarnason (Ingason 76), A Finnbogason (Bodvarsson 65), Sigurdarson (Traustason 90).
Ghana: Ati-Zigi - Yiadom, Opoku, Nuhu, Agbenyenu, Gyasi (Adomah 81), Partey, Attamah (Acquah 46), Ampomah (Acheampong 69), Dwamena (Sackey 46), Boateng (Wriedt 69).

Jun 7 - Lisbon
Portugal 3 (Goncalo Guedes 17, 55, Bruno Fernandes 37)
Algeria 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 53,014. **Ref:** Pawson (Eng)
Portugal: Rui Patricio - Cedric, Pepe, Bruno Alves (Jose Fonte 57), Raphael Guerreiro (Mario Rui 57), Bernardo Silva (Adrien Silva 64), Joao Moutinho (Joao Mario 75), William Carvalho (Ricardo Quaresma 64), Bruno Fernandes, Goncalo Guedes, Cristiano Ronaldo (Andre Silva 74).
Algeria: Salhi - Ferhat, Mandi, Bensebaini, Benmoussa, Medjani (Bounedjah 71), Mahrez, Boukhanchouche (Benkhemassa 57), Bentaleb, Brahimi, Slimani (Soudani 85).

Jun 7 - Innsbruck, Austria
South Korea 0
Bolivia 0
Att: 500. **Ref:** Schorgenhofer (Aut)
South Korea: Kim Seung-gyu (Kim Jin-hyeon 46) - Lee Yong, Jang Hyun-soo (Yun Young-sun 71), Kim Young-gwon, Park Joo-ho, Moon Seon-min (Lee Jae-sung 46), Ki Sung-yueng (Koo Ja-cheol 71), Jung Woo-young, Lee Seung-woo (Son Heung-min 60), Hwang Hee-chan, Kim Shin-wook (Kim Min-woo 81).
Bolivia: Lampe - Anez, Haquin, Raldes, Sagredo, Bejarano (Rodriguez 86), Arce (Vaca 83), Saavedra (Ribera 81), Justiniano (L Vargas 90+2), Campos (Sanchez 85), R Vargas (Ali 62).

Jun 7 - Montevideo
Uruguay 3 (De Arrascaeta 32, Suarez pen 54, Gimenez 73)
Uzbekistan 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,600. **Ref:** Claus (Bra)
Uruguay: Muslera - Pereira (Laxalt 59), Gimenez, Godin, Caceres, Nandez (Rodriguez 46), Vecino (Torreira 59), Bentancur, De Arrascaeta (Sanchez 65), Cavani (Gomez 76), Suarez (Stuani 83).
Uzbekistan: Suyunov - Mukhammadiyev (Otakhonov 58), Azamov, Ashurmatov, Komilov, Ganiev (Alibaev 73), Khamrobekov (Giyosov 73), Turgunbayev (Yakhshibaev 58), Sidikov (Shikhov 81), Masharipov, Urinboev (Abdukhalikov 46). *Sent off: Komilov 79.*

Friday, June 8
Jun 8 - Osijek
Croatia 2 (Perisic 63, Kramaric 78)
Senegal 1 (Sarr 48)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,998. **Ref:** Farkas (Hun)
Croatia: Subasic (L Kalinic 67) - Vida, Corluka, Lovren (Jedvaj 46), Strinic, Badelj (Kramaric 46), Rakitic (Kovacic 65), Rebic (Brozovic 61), Modric, Perisic, Mandzukic (N Kalinic 46).
Senegal: Diallo - Gassama, Sane, Koulibaly (Mbodji 82), Sabaly, Sarr (Diouf 74), A N'Diaye (B N'Diaye 75), Gueye (N'Doye 88), Niang (Balde 63), Sakho (Sow 86), Mane.

Jun 8 - Leverkusen
Germany 2 (Werner 8, Omar Hawsawi og 43)
Saudi Arabia 1 (Al Jassim 84)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 30,210. **Ref:** Vincic (Sln)
Germany: Neuer (Ter Stegen 46) - Kimmich (Ginter 81), Boateng (Sule 46), Hummels, Hector, Khedira, Kroos, Muller (Brandt 74), Reus (Gundogan 57), Draxler, Werner (Gomez 62).
Saudi Arabia: Al Maiouf - Al Shahrani, Osama Hawsawi (Al Bulayhi 83), Omar Hawsawi, Al Harbi (Al Burayk 46), Otayf (Al Mogahwi 75), Al Shehri, Al Jassim, Al Faraj (Al Khaibari 90+1), Al Dawsari (Bahebri 87), Al Muwallad (Al Sahlawi 62).

Jun 8 - Moscow, Russia
Lithuania 0
Iran 1 (Ansarifard 88)
HT: 0-0. *Behind closed doors.* **Ref:** Eskov (Rus)
Lithuania: Svedkauskas - Vaitkunas (Mikuckis 46), Jankauskas (Baravykas 46), Janusevskis, Borovskij, Zulpa, Kuklys (Paulius 87), Vorobjovas (Leimonas 46), Lasickas, Veliulis (Slivka 60), Laukzemis (Urbys 60).
Iran: Beiranvand - Torabi (Rezaeian 46), Cheshmi, Pouraliganji, Ebrahimi, Jahanbakhsh (Dejagah 55), Shojaei (Ansarifard 46), Hajsafi (Mohammadi 46), Taremi (Amiri 20), Ghoddos, Azmoun (Ghoochannejhad 46).

Jun 8 - Poznan
Poland 2 (Lewandowski 30, Zielinski 34)
Chile 2 (Valdes 38, Albornoz 56)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 41,216. **Ref:** Mazzoleni (Ita)
Poland: Szczesny (Fabianski 46) - Piszczek (Cionek 46), Bednarek, Pazdan, Rybus (Bereszynski 82), Krychowiak, Linetty (Milik 46), Blaszczykowski, Zielinski, Grosicki (Goralski 67), Lewandowski (Teodorczyk 74).
Chile: Arias - Diaz (Sierralta 87), Roco, Maripan, Vegas (Albornoz 35), Martinez (Araos 68), Reyes, Sagal (Bizama 82), Valdes, Fernandes, Castillo (Cuevas 87).

Jun 8 - Lugano
Switzerland 2 (Rodriguez pen 42, Seferovic 82)
Japan 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,010. **Ref:** Delerue (Fra)
Switzerland: Burki - Lichtsteiner, Schar, Akanji (Elvedi 46), Rodriguez (Moubandje 73), Behrami, Xhaka, Shaqiri (Drmic 83), Freuler (Dzemaili 64), Embolo (Zuber 64), Gavranovic (Seferovic 64).
Japan: Kawashima - G Sakai (H Sakai 56), Yoshida, Makino, Nagatomo, Hasebe, Oshima (Shibasaki 70), Haraguchi, Honda (Kagawa 77), Usami (Inui 55), Osako (Muto 40).

Saturday, June 9
Jun 9 - Brondby
Denmark 2 (Poulsen 71, Eriksen 74)
Mexico 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,376. **Ref:** Steen (Nor)
Denmark: Schmeichel - Dalsgaard, Kjaer, Christensen, Larsen, Kvist (Lerager 62), Delaney (Schone 62), Poulsen (Fischer 82), Eriksen (Krohn-Dehli 90), Sisto (Braithwaite 46), N Jorgensen (Dolberg 46).
Mexico: Ochoa - Salcedo, Ayala, Moreno (Alvarez 46), Gallardo, Herrera (Marquez 46), G Dos Santos (Lozano 57), J Dos Santos (Layun 60), Guardado (Fabian 46), J M Corona, Peralta (Javier Hernandez 60).

Jun 9 - Tallinn
Estonia 1 (Purje 76)
Morocco 3 (Belhanda 11, Ziyech pen 38, En-Nesyri 72)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 4,756. **Ref:** Avram (Rom)
Estonia: Aksalu - Jurgenson (Purje 58), Kaljumae, Vihmann, Mets, Pikk (Kruglov 85), Kams, Artjom Dmitrijev (Antonov 84), Vassiljev, Zenjov (Liivak 84), Anier.
Morocco: El Kajoui - N Amrabat (S Amrabat 63), Benatia (Da Costa 46), Saiss, Hakimi (Boutaib 76), El Ahmadi (Ait Bennasser 63), Ziyech (Bouhaddouz 46), Belhanda, Boussoufa, Harit (En-Nesyri 46), El Kaabi.

Jun 9 - Tampere
Finland 2 (Uronen 7, Yaghoubi 75)
Belarus 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,520. **Ref:** Durieux (Lux)

Jun 9 - Lyon
France 1 (Mbappe 78)
United States 1 (Green 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 58,241. **Ref:** Collum (Sco)
France: Lloris - Sidibe (Pavard 74), Varane, Umtiti, Mendy (Hernandez 66), Pogba, Kante, Matuidi (Tolisso 58), Griezmann (Fekir 69), Mbappe (Lemar 88), Giroud (Dembele 58).
United States: Steffen - Moore (Yedlin 74), Carter-Vickers, Miazga (Palmer-Brown 60), Parker, Robinson (Villafana 82), Adams, Trapp, McKennie, Wood (Sargent 74), Green (Corona 70).

Jun 9 - Budapest
Hungary 1 (Sainsbury og 88)
Australia 2 (Arzani 74, Kadar og 90+2)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Jug (Sln)
Hungary: Gulacsi (Dibusz 46) - Lovrencsics (Fiola 73), Vinicius, Kadar, Szabo, J Varga, Vadocz, R Varga, Kleinheisler (Eppel 66), Sallai (K Varga 84), Szalai (Bode 62).
Australia: Ryan (Jones 46) - Risdon, Sainsbury, Milligan, Behich, Mooy, Luongo (Jedinak 46), Leckie, Rogic (Irvine 64), Kruse (Arzani 73), Nabbout (Juric 46; Cahill 80).

Jun 9 - Riga
Latvia 1 (Uldrikis 90+4)
Azerbaijan 3 (Medvedev 20, Imamverdiyev 57, Mahmudov 63)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Dzyanis (Bls)

Jun 9 - Graz, Austria
Serbia 5 (Mitrovic 4, 23, 68, Ljajic 19, Ivanovic 42)
Bolivia 1 (Campos 48)
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 1,572. **Ref:** Jager (Aut)
Serbia: Stojkovic (Rajkovic 80) - Ivanovic, Milenkovic, Tosic (Rukavina 67), Kolarov, Matic (Milivojevic 46), Milinkovic-Savic (Grujic 63), Tadic (Radonjic 85), Ljajic, Kostic, Mitrovic (Prijovic 70).
Bolivia: Vizcarra - Anez, Haquin, Raldes, Sagredo, Arce (Vaca 51), Saavedra (Ribera 57), Bejarano (L Vargas 80), Justiniano (Rodriguez 75), Campos (R Vargas 69), Sanchez (Ali 63).

Jun 9 - Krasnodar, Russia
Spain 1 (Iago Aspas 84)
Tunisia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,116. **Ref:** Nijhuis (Hol)
Spain: De Gea - Odriozola (Nacho 46), Pique, Sergio Ramos, Jordi Alba (Iago Aspas 76), Thiago (Koke 46), Busquets, Silva (Marco Asensio 60), Isco (Lucas Vazquez 46), Iniesta, Rodrigo (Diego Costa 60).
Tunisia: Mathlouthi - Bronn, S Ben Youssef, Meriah, Maaloul (Haddadi 58), F Ben Youssef (Srarfi 90+1), Khaoui (Ben Amor 62), Skhiri, Sassi, Badri (Benalouane 78), Sliti (Khalifa 69).

Jun 9 - Gothenburg
Sweden 0
Peru 0
Att: 32,163. **Ref:** Moen (Nor)
Sweden: Olsen - Lustig (Krafth 70), Lindelof, Granqvist, Augustinsson, Claesson, Sebastian Larsson (Svensson 90+2), Ekdal (Hiljemark 82), Forsberg (Rohden 85), Toivonen (Kiese Thelin 75), Berg.
Peru: Gallese - Advincula, Ramos, Rodriguez (Santamaria 81), Trauco, Tapia, Yotun, Carrillo (Aquino 76), Farfan (Polo 84), Cueva (Flores 77), Guerrero.

Sunday, June 10
Jun10 - Vienna
Austria 0
Brazil 3 (Gabriel Jesus 36, Neymar 63, Philippe Coutinho 69)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 48,500. **Ref:** Kassai (Hun)
Austria: Lindner - Dragovic (Danso 70), Prodl, Hinteregger, Lainer, Baumgartlinger, Grillitsch (Zulj 66), Alaba, Schopf (Hierlander 58), Schlager (Burgstaller 58), Arnautovic.
Brazil: Alisson - Danilo, Thiago Silva (Marquinhos 60), Miranda, Marcelo (Filipe Luis 67), Paulinho, Casemiro (Fernandinho 61), Philippe Coutinho (Taison 76), Willian, Gabriel Jesus (Roberto Firmino 67), Neymar (Douglas Costa 84).

Monday, June 11
Jun11 - Brussels
Belgium 4 (Mertens 31, R Lukaku 42, 50, Batshuayi 64)
Costa Rica 1 (B Ruiz 24)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Hategan (Rom)
Belgium: Courtois - Alderweireld, Boyata (Dendoncker 66), Vertonghen, Meunier (Chadli 46), De Bruyne (Tielemans 71), Witsel, Carrasco, Mertens (Batshuayi 52), E Hazard (Dembele 70), R Lukaku (T Hazard 65).
Costa Rica: Navas - Acosta, Gonzalez, Duarte, Gamboa (Smith 66), Borges (Azofeifa 76), Tejeda, Oviedo (Calvo 46), B Ruiz (Campbell 66), Urena (Venegas 46), Bolanos (Guzman 62).

Jun11 - Grodig, Austria
Senegal 2 (Kim Shin-wook og 55, Konate pen 86)
South Korea 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Lechner (Aut)
Senegal: K N'Diaye - Koulibaly, Sane, Sabaly, Wague, A N'Diaye (N'Doye 81), Kouyate (Gueye 63), Sakho (B N'Diaye 46), Niang (Konate 46), Mane (Diouf 81), Sarr (Balde 63).
South Korea: Cho Hyun-woo - Kim Young-gwon, Lee Yong (Go Yo-han 37), Jang Hyun-soo, Ki Sung-yueng, Kim Min-woo, Koo Ja-cheol, Lee Jae-sung, Kim Shin-wook (Ju Se-jong 83), Son Heung-min, Lee Seung-woo (Jung Woo-young 57).

Tuesday, June 12
Jun12 - Innsbruck, Austria
Japan 4 (Inui 51, 63, Santander og 77, Kagawa 90+1)
Paraguay 2 (O Romero 32, R Ortiz 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,202. **Ref:** Drachta (Aut)
Japan: Higashiguchi (Nakamura 46) - Endo (H Sakai 46), Ueda, Shoji, G Sakai, Shibasaki, Yamaguchi, Muto (Osako 63), Kagawa, Inui (Usami 79), Okazaki (Haraguchi 74).
Paraguay: Villar (Aguilar 12) - Benitez, Gomez (Valdez 56), Balbuena, Alonso, R Ortiz, Bareiro (Alejandro Romero 59), Sanchez (Mendieta 78), Cardozo Lucena (Angel Romero 59), O Romero (Sanabria 65), Santander.

Jun12 - Warsaw
Poland 4 (Lewandowski 19, 32, Kownacki 71, Blaszczykowski pen 82)
Lithuania 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 53,803. **Ref:** Blom (Hol)
Poland: Fabianski (Szczesny 46) - Jedrzejczyk (Piszczek 46), Bednarek (Pazdan 53), Cionek, Rybus (Blaszczykowski 70), Bereszynski, Krychowiak (Zielinski 77), Goralski, Kownacki, Milik, Lewandowski (Teodorczyk 46).
Lithuania: Bartkus - Baravykas (Borovskij 74), Jankauskas (Mikuckis 90), Girdvainis, Vaitkunas, Vorobjovas, Paulius (Slivka 58), Novikovas, Verbickas, Cernych (Lasickas 26), Sernas (Laukzemis 69).

Club football

SOUTH AMERICA

LIBERTADORES CUP

1st knockout round (last 16) draw
Atletico Tucuman (Arg) v Atletico Nacional (Col)
Boca Juniors (Arg) v Libertad (Par)
Cerro Porteno (Par) v Palmeiras (Bra)
Colo Colo (Chl) v Corinthians (Bra)
Estudiantes (Arg) v Gremio (Bra)
Flamengo (Bra) v Cruzeiro (Bra)
Independiente (Arg) v Santos (Bra)
Racing Club (Arg) v River Plate (Arg)
1st legs - Aug 7-21; 2nd legs - Aug 28-30

BOLIVIA

2018 Apertura Final
1st leg - May 30; 2nd leg -Jun 3; 3rd leg -Jun 6
The Strongest v Jorge Wilstermann
2-1, 1-2, 2-2 (Jorge Wilstermann 3-2 on pens)

COLOMBIA

2018 Apertura Final
1st leg -Jun 6; 2nd leg -Jun 9
Tolima v Atletico Nacional
0-1, 2-1 (agg 2-2, Tolima 4-2 on pens)

PARAGUAY

2018 – APERTURA – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olimpia (C)	22	16	5	1	52	22	53
C Porteno	22	12	6	4	43	17	42
Libertad	22	11	6	5	37	24	39
Nacional	22	10	8	4	32	21	38
Independiente	22	9	4	9	30	32	31
Sol America	22	8	6	8	36	40	30
General Diaz	22	6	6	10	27	39	24
Guarani	22	6	5	11	25	39	23
Santani	22	4	10	8	22	25	22
Luqueno	22	5	6	11	25	37	21
Capiata	22	5	6	11	31	45	21
3 de Febrero	22	2	8	12	21	40	14

VENEZUELA

2018 Apertura Final
1st leg -Jun10; 2nd leg -Jun13
Mineros de Guayana v Zamora 1-1, 0-1 (agg 1-2)

EUROPE

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Preliminary round
(all single-leg ties, played in Gibraltar)
Semi-finals
Jun 26: FC Santa Coloma (And) 0 Drita (Kos) 2 (aet); La Fiorita (SaM) 0 Lincoln Red Imps (Gib) 2.

Final
Jun 29: Lincoln Red Imps 1 Drita 4 (aet).
Drita have qualified for the Champions League 1st qualifying round; the 3 other teams enter the Europa League

EUROPA LEAGUE

Preliminary round
1st legs -Jun 26/28; 2nd legs -Jul 5
B36 (Far) v St Joseph's (Gib)
1-1, 1-1 (aet) (agg 2-2, B36 4-2 on pens)
Birkirkara (Mlt) v KI (Far)
1-1, 1-2 (agg 2-3)
Cefn Druids (Wal) v Trakai (Lit)
1-1, 0-1 (agg 1-2)
Engordany (And) v Folgore (SaM)
2-1, 1-1 (agg 3-2)
Europa (Gib) v Prishtina (Kos)
1-1, 0-5 (agg 1-6)
Sant Julia (And) v Gzira United (Mlt)
0-2, 1-2 (agg 1-4)
Tre Fiori (SaM) v Bala Town (Wal)
3-0, 0-1 (agg 3-1)

ASIA

AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarter-finals draw

Al Duhail (Qat) v Persepolis (Irn)
Esteghlal Tehran (Irn) v Al Sadd (Qat)
Jeonbuk Motors (SKo) v Suwon Bluewings (SKo)
Kashima Antlers (Jap) v Tianjin Quanjian (Chn)
1st legs - Aug 27-29; 2nd legs - Sep17-19

AFC CUP

WEST ASIA ZONE

GROUP A – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Jazeera (Q)	6	4	2	0	13	6	14
Quwa Jaw'a (Q)	6	3	3	0	11	7	12
Malkiya	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
Al Suwaiq	6	0	0	6	4	16	0

Al Jazeera (Jor), Al Quwa Al Jawiya (Irq), Al Suwaiq (Oma), Malkiya (Bhn)

GROUP B – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Ahed (Q)	6	3	3	0	11	5	12
Al Zawra'a	6	2	4	0	8	5	10
Al Jaish	6	1	4	1	4	6	7
Manama	6	0	1	5	3	10	1

Al Ahed (Leb), Al Jaish (Syr), Al Zawra'a (Irq), Manama (Bhn)

GROUP C – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Faisaly (Q)	6	4	1	1	10	5	13
Dhofar	6	2	2	2	4	5	8
Al Ansar	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Al Wahda	6	1	2	3	5	8	5

Al Ansar (Leb), Al Faisaly (Jor), Al Wahda (Syr), Dhofar (Oma)

● *The group winners and the runner-up with the best record qualified for the West Asia Zone semi-finals*

West Asia Zone semi-finals

1st legs - May 7/8; 2nd legs - May14/15
Al Jazeera v Al Faisaly 1-1, 1-0 (agg 2-1)
Al Quwa Al Jawiya v Al Ahed 3-1, 2-2 (agg 5-3)
● *Al Jazeera & Al Quwa Al Jawiya have qualified for the West Asia Zone Final (1st leg – Sep18; 2nd leg – Oct 2), the winner of which qualifies for the AFC Cup Final (Oct 27, single-leg tie)*

CENTRAL ASIA ZONE

GROUP D – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altyn Asyr (Q)	6	4	2	0	17	7	14
Istiklol	6	4	1	1	10	7	13
Ahal	6	2	1	3	8	5	7
Alay	6	0	0	6	7	23	0

Ahal (Tkm), Alay (Kyr), Altyn Asyr (Tkm), Istiklol (Taj)
● *Altyn Asyr have qualified for the Inter-Zone semi-finals*

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

GROUP E – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bengaluru (Q)	6	5	0	1	14	3	15
New Radiant	6	4	0	2	12	5	12
Abahani D	6	1	1	4	5	12	4
Aizawl	6	1	1	4	5	16	4

Abahani Dhaka (Ban), Aizawl (Ind), Bengaluru (Ind), New Radiant (Mdv)
● *Bengaluru have qualified for the Inter-Zone semi-finals*

ASEAN ZONE

GROUP F – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home Utd (Q)	6	4	1	1	15	6	13
Ceres (Q)	6	4	1	1	17	3	13
Boeung Ket	6	2	0	4	8	24	6
Shan United	6	1	0	5	5	12	3

Boeung Ket (Cmb), Ceres (Phi), Home United (Sin), Shan United (Mym)

GROUP G – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yangon Utd (Q)	6	4	1	1	15	9	13
Global	6	2	2	2	9	10	8
Thanh Hoa	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Bali United	6	1	2	3	8	11	5

Bali United (Ins), Global (Phi), Thanh Hoa (Vie), Yangon United (Mym)

GROUP H – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Persija (Q)	6	4	1	1	13	6	13
Song Lam NA	6	3	1	2	8	5	10
Johor DT	6	3	1	2	8	9	10
Tampines R	6	0	1	5	5	14	1

Johor Darul Ta'zim (Mly), Persija (Ins), Song Lam Nghe An (Vie), Tampines Rovers (Sin)

● *The group winners and the runner-up with the best record qualified for the ASEAN Zone semi-finals*

ASEAN Zone semi-finals

1st legs - May 8/9; 2nd legs - May15/16
Ceres v Yangon United 4-2, 2-3 (agg 6-5)
Home United v Persija 3-2, 3-1 (agg 6-3)
● *Ceres & Home United have qualified for the ASEAN Zone Final (1st leg – Aug1; 2nd leg – Aug 8), the winner of which will qualify for the Inter-Zone semi-finals*

EAST ASIA ZONE

GROUP I – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
April 25 (Q)	6	6	0	0	23	2	18
Benfica	6	4	0	2	13	15	12
Hwaebul	6	2	0	4	9	10	6
Hang Yuen	6	0	0	6	6	24	0

April 25 (NKo), Benfica (Mcu), Hang Yuen (Tai), Hwaebul (NKo)
● *April 25 have qualified for the Inter-Zone semi-finals*

Inter-Zone semi-finals

Ceres OR Home United v April 25 (Aug 21 & 28)
Bengaluru v Altyn Asyr (Aug 22 & 29)
● *The winners meet in the Inter-Zone Final (1st leg – Sep19; 2nd leg – Oct 3), the winner of which will qualify for the AFC Cup Final (Oct 27, single-leg tie), to play the West Asia Zone Final winner (Al Jazeera OR Al Quwa Al Jawiya)*

MACAU

2018 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica (C)	18	17	1	0	89	8	52
Chao Pak Kei	18	13	4	1	111	14	43
Sporting	18	12	2	4	55	17	38
Cheng Fung	18	11	3	4	38	21	36
Tak Chun Ka I	18	9	3	6	73	34	30
Monte Carlo	18	8	1	9	35	33	25
Hang Sai	18	4	2	12	20	89	14
Policia	18	4	1	13	18	55	13
Lai Chi (R)	18	2	1	15	16	105	7
Alfandega (R)	18	1	0	17	8	87	3

OMAN

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Suwaiq (C)	26	20	3	3	50	25	63
Al Shabab	26	12	6	8	32	30	42
Al Nahda	26	9	10	7	41	34	37
Al Nasr	26	9	8	9	28	26	35
Al Oruba	26	9	7	10	22	26	34
Dhofar	26	9	6	11	34	31	33
Saham	26	8	9	9	36	35	33
Sohar	26	9	6	11	37	42	33
Muscat	26	8	9	9	34	39	33
Mirbat	26	10	2	14	35	47	32
Oman Club	26	6	13	7	31	27	31
Fanja (R)	26	8	7	11	33	34	31
Al Mudhaibi (R)	26	9	4	13	26	34	31
Al Salam (R)	26	8	6	12	25	34	30

SYRIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Jaish (C)	26	16	8	2	42	16	56
Al Ittihad	26	16	8	2	44	15	56
Al Wahda	26	16	3	7	48	28	51
Tishreen	26	11	8	7	28	17	41
Al Shorta	26	10	9	7	30	29	39
Al Taliya	26	11	5	10	23	25	38
Nawair	26	9	7	10	32	36	34
Al Karama	26	8	9	9	29	27	33
Al Wathba	26	7	10	9	26	29	31
Al Majd	26	8	6	12	26	30	30
Al Herafyeen	26	6	10	10	22	33	28
Hutteen	26	6	9	11	25	34	27
Muhafaza (R)	26	6	5	15	27	47	23
Al Jihad (R)	26	2	3	21	21	57	9

CONCACAF

CONCACAF LEAGUE

1st round draw

Arabe Unido (Pan) v Arnett Gardens (Jam)
Club Franciscain (Mar) v Walter Ferretti (Nic)
Diriangen (Nic) v Universitario (Pan)
FAS (ESv) v Perez Zeledon (CR)
Herediano (CR) v Santa Tecla (ESv)
Motagua (Hnd) v Belmopan Bandits (Blz)
Santos de Guapiles (CR) v Portmore Utd (Jam)
Tauro (Pan) v Real Espana (Hnd)
1st legs -Jul 31-Aug 2; 2nd legs - Aug 7-9

BAHAMAS

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ B'mas (C)	9	8	1	0	22	4	25
Wstn Warriors	9	7	2	0	48	8	23
Bears	9	6	1	2	35	17	19
Dynamos	9	5	1	3	25	15	16
Renegades	9	3	3	3	27	24	12
Breezes Eagles	9	2	5	2	18	15	11
United	9	2	2	5	16	24	8
Baha Juniors	9	1	3	5	12	19	6
Future Stars	9	1	2	6	16	29	5
Cavalier	9	0	0	9	5	69	0

Kickers withdrew mid-season; results annulled

BERMUDA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PHC Zebras (C)	18	13	3	2	71	14	42
Robin Hood	18	12	3	3	67	24	39
Dandy Town	18	11	3	4	52	25	36
Dev Cougars	18	8	5	5	34	28	29
North Village	18	8	5	5	35	31	29
Somerset	18	6	4	8	32	46	22
Boulevard	18	6	4	8	33	55	22
X-Roads	18	6	2	10	34	43	20
Flanagan's (R)	18	3	3	12	26	61	12
YMSC (R)	18	0	2	16	17	74	2

CAYMAN ISLANDS

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scholars Int (C)	13	10	2	1	39	10	32
Roma United	13	10	1	2	36	8	31
Elite	13	8	3	2	43	12	27
Latinos	13	7	5	1	37	15	26
Academy	13	8	1	4	43	26	25
Sunset	13	8	1	4	29	17	25
Future	13	5	4	4	17	21	19
Bodden Town	13	6	1	6	21	27	19
Caym'n Ath	13	5	3	5	33	26	18
George Town	13	4	2	7	26	33	14
C'man Brac	13	1	3	9	11	35	6
Savannah	13	1	3	9	18	56	6
North Side	13	1	2	10	15	40	5
East End Utd	13	1	1	11	9	51	4

CUBA

2018 – CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Santiago (C)	10	7	1	2	16	5	22
Ciego de Avila	10	6	1	3	20	14	19
Pinar del Rio	10	3	5	2	14	15	14
Camaguey	10	3	3	4	14	15	12
Sancti Spiritus	10	2	3	5	12	19	9
Granma	10	2	1	7	13	21	7

GUADELOUPE

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts[1]
Moulien (C)	26	14	10	2	36	15	78
Baie-Mahault	26	15	6	5	45	20	77
Phare Canal	26	15	6	5	31	17	77
Unite St Rose	26	12	7	7	33	19	69
L'Etoile	26	11	9	6	27	19	68
Solidarite Sc	26	10	6	10	20	24	62
Siroco	26	8	9	9	25	25	59
Amical	26	9	5	12	28	25	58
La Gauloise	26	8	8	10	21	27	58
Arsenal	26	9	5	12	24	30	58
Juventus (R)	26	7	10	9	31	34	57
Racing (R)	26	7	9	10	18	23	56
Gourb'ne (R)	26	3	10	13	15	30	45
Capester'n (R)	26	1	6	19	17	63	35

[1] *4pts for a win, 2pts for a draw, 1pt for a defeat*

HAITI

2018 Ouverture (opening) Final

1st leg - May 24; 2nd leg - May 27
Mirebalais v Capoise 0-0, 0-1 (agg 0-1)

MARTINIQUE

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts[1]
Franciscain (C)	26	18	5	3	54	20	85
Golden Lion	26	16	5	5	64	30	79
Colonial	26	12	11	3	43	20	73
Samaritaine	26	12	9	5	36	26	71
Aiglon	26	12	6	8	45	31	68
Riviere-Pilote	26	12	5	9	40	26	67
New Star[2]	26	10	10	6	38	37	65
Emulation	26	7	6	13	24	31	53
Golden Star	26	6	9	11	23	37	53
Essor-Pre'tain	26	5	12	9	24	39	53
Saint-Joseph	26	6	8	12	22	37	52
Good Luck (R)	26	5	7	14	28	44	48
Eucalyptus (R)	26	6	2	18	25	53	46
Case-Pilote (R)	26	4	7	15	23	58	45

[1] *4pts for a win, 2pts for a draw, 1pt for a defeat*
[2] *1pt deducted*

NICARAGUA

2017-18 Clausura Final

1st leg - May 26; 2nd leg -Jun 2
Diriangen v Real Esteli 2-1, 1-1 (agg 3-2)

ST KITTS & NEVIS

2017-18 Championship Final

(best of 3 legs)
1st leg -Jun17
Village Superstars 0 Conaree 0
(aet, Village Superstars 5-3 on pens)
2nd leg -Jun 20
Conaree 1 Village Superstars 3
Village Superstars won 2 legs to 0

AFRICA

ALGERIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Constantine (C)	30	16	9	5	36	26	57
JS Saoura	30	16	6	8	38	27	54
Hussein Dey	30	11	16	3	36	24	49
MC Oran	30	12	9	9	40	37	45
MC Alger	30	12	8	10	41	32	44
USM Alger	30	11	9	10	43	35	42
Paradou	30	12	6	12	35	30	42
ES Setif	30	10	10	10	35	30	40
Bel Abbes[1]	30	12	7	11	32	31	37
Tadjenanet	30	10	7	13	33	41	37
CR Belouizdad	30	7	15	8	24	27	36
JS Kabylie	30	8	12	10	34	39	36
Olympique M	30	8	12	10	23	32	36
US Biskra (R)	30	9	7	14	23	30	34
El Harrach (R)	30	7	7	16	27	37	28
USM Blida (R)	30	5	8	17	28	50	23

[1] *6pts deducted for failing to pay a player*

BOTSWANA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
T Rollers (C)	30	20	6	4	57	31	66
Galaxy	30	18	8	4	54	22	62
Orapa United	30	14	10	6	44	27	52
Miscellaneous	30	13	9	8	46	37	48
Gaborone Utd	30	11	12	7	51	38	45
BDF XI	30	10	12	8	40	29	42
Shooting Stars	30	10	12	8	43	41	42
Black Forest	30	10	11	9	28	28	41
Centre Chiefs	30	9	11	10	33	41	38
Ext'n Gunners	30	9	10	11	34	33	37
S Bush Bucks	30	9	8	13	31	36	35
Security Sys	30	9	8	13	26	36	35
Police XI	30	8	11	11	39	50	35
TAFIC (R)	30	9	7	14	25	36	34
UF Santos (R)	30	5	8	17	25	43	23
G'port Lions (R)	30	2	5	23	21	69	11

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BURKINA FASO

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ASF Bobo (C)	30	17	9	4	38	15	60
RC Kadiogo	30	13	13	4	27	17	52
Majestic	30	15	6	9	27	20	51
RC Bobo	30	13	10	7	31	22	49
Forces Armees	30	12	13	5	30	26	49
Etoile Filante	30	12	12	6	28	16	48
Sonabel	30	10	14	6	31	18	44
Comoe	30	10	10	10	21	21	40
Salitas	30	10	9	11	26	29	39
AJEB	30	8	10	12	27	30	34
Rahimo	30	7	13	10	14	18	34
ASFA Yen'ga	30	6	15	9	26	28	33
US Ouagad'ou	30	5	16	9	22	28	31
Police	30	7	9	14	21	36	30
Bobo Sport (R)	30	4	8	18	22	44	20
Santos (R)	30	3	9	18	20	43	18

BURUNDI

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Messager N (C)	30	22	4	4	52	24	70
LLB	30	21	6	3	57	22	69
Aigle Noir	30	16	11	3	66	32	59
Vital'O	30	16	11	3	34	9	59
Olympic Star	30	17	7	6	55	26	58
Bujumbura C	30	13	5	12	32	30	44
Musongati	30	10	11	9	38	30	41
Les Lierres	30	12	4	14	38	35	40
Flambeau C	30	11	6	13	43	45	39
Flambeau E	30	10	7	13	30	32	37
Athletico O	30	9	5	16	33	44	32
Ngozi City	30	7	9	14	24	35	30
Messager B	30	7	9	14	32	48	30
Inter Star (R)	30	7	5	18	22	41	26
Jeunes Ath (R)	30	4	8	18	22	63	20
Delta Star (R)	30	1	6	23	13	75	9

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

2018 Championship Final

Jun 2: Mindelense 0 Academica da Praia 2 (aet).

GAMBIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gamtel (C)	22	13	8	1	30	11	47
Real Banjul	22	13	3	6	26	15	42
Brikama Utd	22	9	9	4	23	16	36
GPA	22	8	8	6	17	14	32
Fortune	22	7	10	5	22	17	31
Armed Forces	22	7	10	5	20	16	31
Banjul Utd	22	6	8	8	18	23	26
Tallinding Utd	22	5	9	8	20	24	24
Hawks	22	5	9	8	19	24	24
Marimoo	22	4	11	7	14	18	23
Steve Biko (R)	22	1	12	9	9	20	15
Bombada (R)	22	2	7	13	19	39	13

GUINEA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horoya (C)	26	19	5	2	56	14	62
Hafia	26	15	6	5	44	23	51
Wakirya	26	10	12	4	41	30	42
Kaloum	26	11	7	8	24	21	40
Gangan	26	10	8	8	31	25	38
Elephant	26	8	8	10	22	30	32
Fello Star	26	9	5	12	27	32	32
ASFAG	26	7	10	9	23	23	31
Ashanti GB	26	7	9	10	20	35	30
CI Kamsar	26	7	8	11	25	33	29
Renaissance	26	7	7	12	26	36	28
Satellite	26	7	7	12	17	31	28
Milo (R)	26	6	9	11	24	29	27
Atl Coleah (R)	26	3	11	12	17	35	20

IVORY COAST

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ASEC (C)	26	20	3	3	54	19	63
SC Gagnoa	26	12	8	6	40	24	44
San Pedro	26	12	7	7	29	23	43
Africa Sports	26	11	7	8	31	22	40
AFAD	26	9	10	7	25	25	37
Bouake	26	9	8	9	24	23	35
Bassam	26	9	7	10	23	30	34
WAC	26	5	16	5	30	30	31
Moossou	26	6	12	8	21	26	30
Indenie	26	7	9	10	17	22	30
Tanda	26	5	13	8	16	19	28
SO Armee	26	5	10	11	22	36	25
Std Abidjan (R)	26	5	7	14	16	33	22
Sewe Sport (R)	26	3	11	12	14	30	20

LESOTHO

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bantu (C)	24	17	5	2	45	16	56
Lioli	24	14	6	4	40	19	48
Defence Force	24	12	7	5	34	19	43
Matlama	24	12	6	6	32	22	42
LCS	24	11	7	6	31	16	40
Kick4Life	24	11	6	7	36	22	39
LMPS	24	8	9	7	24	23	33
Majantja	24	7	8	9	21	26	29
Liphakoe	24	8	3	13	22	33	27
Linare[1]	24	8	4	12	22	36	25
Sefothafotha	24	5	9	10	22	36	24
Likhopo	24	4	5	15	18	32	17
Sun'wana[2] (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sky Bat'n[3] (R)	24	0	3	21	6	53	-3

[1]3pts deducted for registration infringement
[2]Expelled mid-season for failing to fulfil 3 consecutive fixtures; results annulled
[3]6pts deducted for registration infringement

LIBYA

2017-18 – CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Nasr (C)	6	3	2	1	8	6	11
Al Ahly Beng	6	2	2	2	7	5	8
Al Ahli Trip	6	1	4	1	8	8	7
Al Ittihad T	6	1	2	3	7	11	5

MAURITANIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nouadhibou (C)	26	18	6	2	46	13	60
Kedia	26	13	9	4	43	25	48
Tidjikja	26	14	6	6	40	23	48
Concorde	26	14	6	6	39	26	48
Tevragh-Zeine	26	12	10	4	51	21	46
Nouak King's	26	8	10	8	33	28	34
SNIM	26	10	4	12	26	26	34
Garde Nat	26	8	9	9	31	26	33
Deuz	26	9	4	13	29	37	31
Police	26	8	4	14	28	48	28
Kaedi	26	8	4	14	23	49	28
Ksar	26	7	5	14	36	50	26
Amic Jeune (R)	26	6	7	13	20	38	25
Teissir Atar (R)	26	3	4	19	20	55	13

MAURITIUS

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pamplem's (C)	27	16	6	5	56	30	54
Bolton City	27	15	9	3	42	20	54
ASPL 2000	27	15	8	4	51	28	53
Q'tre Bornes	27	12	6	9	31	33	42
P Riv're Noire	27	10	8	9	50	42	38
Cercle Joachim	27	11	5	11	49	40	38
Cure Sylv'ter	27	7	8	12	34	42	29
Savanne	27	8	5	14	39	60	29
EBR/RMR (R)	27	8	2	17	45	67	26
Ch'l Citizen (R)	27	1	7	19	20	55	10

NAMIBIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
African St's (C)	30	19	7	4	40	14	64
Black Africa	30	15	10	5	52	29	55
Mighty Gunn'rs	30	17	3	10	48	36	54
UNAM	30	13	9	8	43	32	48
Young African	30	12	11	7	35	25	47
Tigers	30	14	4	12	42	33	46
Tura Magic	30	12	7	11	41	36	43
Orlando P'tes	30	10	9	11	39	39	39
Eleven Arrows	30	10	9	11	48	49	39
Life Fighters	30	9	10	11	28	39	37
Citizens	30	10	7	13	36	49	37
Civics	30	7	14	9	33	27	35
Blue Waters	30	8	8	14	33	43	32
Young C'fs (R)	30	6	13	11	29	36	31
Rundu C'fs (R)	30	6	9	15	34	55	27
C'f Santos (R)	30	3	8	19	20	59	17

RWANDA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APR (C)	30	19	9	2	51	15	66
AS Kigali	30	18	7	5	54	25	61
Rayon Sports	30	14	10	6	47	22	52
Etincelles	30	14	9	7	37	23	51
Kiyovu Sports	30	14	7	9	36	29	49
Police	30	13	9	8	38	28	48
Sunrise	30	10	8	12	29	36	38
Espoir	30	8	13	9	28	32	37
Musanze	30	8	11	11	34	34	35
Kirehe	30	9	7	14	25	38	34
Bugesera	30	8	9	13	18	33	33
Marines	30	6	14	10	32	40	32
Mukura	30	5	16	9	18	21	31
Amagaju	30	8	7	15	28	41	31
Gicumbi (R)	30	7	6	17	16	40	27
Miroplast (R)	30	3	10	17	18	52	19

SENEGAL

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jaraaf (C)	28	18	7	3	46	21	61
Gen'tion Foot	28	15	5	8	48	24	50
Sonacos	28	13	7	8	33	29	46
Teungueth	28	12	7	9	26	20	43
AS Douanes	28	12	7	9	28	24	43
M Petite Cote	28	10	10	8	37	34	40
La Linguere	28	8	15	5	15	19	39
Dakar SC	28	10	8	10	33	25	38
Stade Mbour	28	10	8	10	33	26	38
Ndiambour	28	9	11	8	29	28	38
Casa Sport	28	9	10	9	36	32	37
Niarry Tally	28	11	3	14	32	36	36
Diambars (R)	28	6	14	8	27	28	32
Ouakam (R)	28	3	6	19	16	59	15
Gued'waye (R)	28	2	6	20	14	50	12

SOMALIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dekedda (C)	18	11	6	1	45	10	39
Banadir	18	11	5	2	39	19	38
Heegan	18	10	6	2	36	11	36
Horseed	18	9	7	2	33	12	34
Elman	18	6	4	8	37	36	22
Jeenyo Utd	18	4	5	9	22	31	17
Gaadiidka	18	4	5	9	23	33	17
Madbacadda	18	3	8	7	16	34	17
Batroolka (R)	18	2	6	10	16	46	12
Waxool (R)	18	3	2	13	14	49	11

TANZANIA

2017-18 – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Simba (C)	30	20	9	1	62	15	69
Azam	30	16	10	4	35	16	58
Yng Africans	30	14	10	6	44	23	52
Prisons	30	12	12	6	27	22	48
Singida Utd	30	11	11	8	30	28	44
Mtibwa Sugar	30	10	11	9	23	21	41
Lipuli	30	9	11	10	23	24	38
Ruvu Shooting	30	9	11	10	31	37	38
Kagera Sugar	30	8	13	9	23	27	37
Mwadui	30	8	12	10	32	38	36
Stand United	30	8	8	14	22	36	32
Mbeya City	30	5	16	9	23	31	31
Mbao	30	7	10	13	26	36	31
Ndanda (R)	30	6	11	13	23	31	29
Majimaji (R)	30	4	13	13	29	42	25
Njombe Mji (R)	30	4	10	16	17	43	22

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1	Nahuel **GUZMAN**	(32) 10.02.86	Tigres (Mex)

DEFENDERS

4	Cristian **ANSALDI**	(31) 20.09.86	Inter (Ita)
6	Federico **FAZIO**	(31) 30.01.87	Roma (Ita)
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17	Nicolas **OTAMENDI**	(29) 05.07.88	Man City (Eng)
16	Marcos **ROJO**	(27) 28.11.90	Man United (Eng)
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MIDFIELDERS

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20	Giovani **LO CELSO**	(22) 09.04.96	PSG (Fra)
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14	Jamie **MACLAREN**	(24) 29.07.93	Darmstadt (Ger)
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BELGIUM

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DEFENDERS

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15	Thomas **MEUNIER**	(26) 12.09.91	PSG (Fra)
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5	Jan **VERTONGHEN**	(31) 24.04.87	Tottenham (Eng)

MIDFIELDERS

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22	Nacer **CHADLI**	(28) 02.08.89	West Brom (Eng)
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19	Mousa **DEMBELE**	(30) 16.07.87	Tottenham (Eng)
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16	Thorgan **HAZARD**	(25) 29.03.93	Borussia MG (Ger)
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FORWARDS

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9	Romelu **LUKAKU**	(25) 13.05.93	Man United (Eng)
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BRAZIL

GOALKEEPERS

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DEFENDERS

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MIDFIELDERS

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11	Philippe **COUTINHO**	(26) 12.06.92	Barcelona (Spa)
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FORWARDS

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21	**TAISON**	(30) 13.01.88	Shakhtar (Ukr)

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GOALKEEPERS

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DEFENDERS

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DEFENDERS

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MIDFIELDERS

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CROATIA

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DEFENDERS

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MIDFIELDERS

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10	Christian **ERIKSEN**	(26) 14.02.92	Tottenham (Eng)
2	Michael **KROHN-DEHLI**	(35) 06.06.83	Dep Coruna (Spa)
7	William **KVIST**	(33) 24.02.85	Copenhagen
18	Lukas **LERAGER**	(24) 12.07.93	Bordeaux (Fra)
19	Lasse **SCHONE**	(32) 27.05.86	Ajax (Hol)

FORWARDS

11	Martin **BRAITHWAITE**	(27) 05.06.91	M'brough (Eng)
21	Andreas **CORNELIUS**	(25) 16.03.93	Atalanta (Ita)
12	Kasper **DOLBERG**	(20) 06.10.97	Ajax (Hol)
9	Nicolai **JORGENSEN**	(27) 15.01.91	Feyenoord (Hol)
15	Viktor **FISCHER**	(24) 09.06.94	Copenhagen
20	Yussuf **POULSEN**	(23) 15.06.94	RB Leipzig (Ger)
23	Pione **SISTO**	(23) 04.02.95	Celta Vigo (Spa)

COACH

Age **HAREIDE** (Nor) (64) 23.09.53

EGYPT

GOALKEEPERS

1	Essam **EL HADARY**	(45) 15.01.73	Al Taawoun (Sau)
23	Mohamed **EL SHENAWY**	(29) 18.12.88	Al Ahly
16	Sherif **EKRAMY**	(34) 10.07.83	Al Ahly

DEFENDERS

13	Mohamed **ABDEL-SHAFY**	(32) 01.07.85	Al Ahli (Sau)
12	Ayman **ASHRAF**	(27) 09.04.91	Al Ahly
3	Ahmed **ELMOHAMADY**	(30) 09.09.87	A Villa (Eng)
7	Ahmed **FATHY**	(33) 10.11.84	Al Ahly
2	Ali **GABR**	(29) 01.01.89	Zamalek
15	Mahmoud **HAMDY**	(23) 01.06.95	Zamalek
6	Ahmed **HEGAZI**	(27) 25.01.91	West Brom (Eng)
20	Saad **SAMIR**	(29) 01.04.89	Al Ahly

MIDFIELDERS

17	Mohamed **ELNENY**	(25) 11.07.92	Arsenal (Eng)
4	Omar **GABER**	(26) 30.01.92	Basle (Swi)
8	Tarek **HAMED**	(29) 24.10.88	Zamalek
5	Sam **MORSY**	(26) 10.09.91	Wigan (Eng)
19	Abdallah **SAID**	(32) 13.07.85	Al Ahli (Sau)
21	**TREZEGUET**	(23) 01.10.94	Kasimpasa (Tur)

FORWARDS

11	**KAHRABA**	(24) 13.04.94	Zamalek
9	Marwan **MOHSEN**	(29) 26.02.89	Al Ahly
10	Mohamed **SALAH**	(25) 15.06.92	Liverpool (Eng)
18	**SHIKABALA**	(32) 05.03.86	Zamalek
14	Ramadan **SOBHI**	(21) 23.01.97	Hudd'field (Eng)
22	Amr **WARDA**	(24) 17.09.93	PAOK (Gre)

COACH

Hector **CUPER** (Arg) (62) 16.11.55

ENGLAND

GOALKEEPERS

13	Jack **BUTLAND**	(25) 10.03.93	Stoke City
1	Jordan **PICKFORD**	(24) 07.03.94	Everton
23	Nick **POPE**	(26) 19.04.92	Burnley

DEFENDERS

22	Trent **ALEXANDER-ARNOLD**	(19) 07.10.98	Liverpool
15	Gary **CAHILL**	(32) 19.12.85	Chelsea
16	Phil **JONES**	(26) 21.02.92	Man United
6	Harry **MAGUIRE**	(25) 05.03.93	Leicester City
3	Danny **ROSE**	(27) 02.07.90	Tottenham
5	John **STONES**	(24) 28.05.94	Manchester City
12	Kieran **TRIPPIER**	(27) 19.09.90	Tottenham
2	Kyle **WALKER**	(28) 28.05.90	Manchester City
18	Ashley **YOUNG**	(32) 09.07.85	Man United

MIDFIELDERS

20	Dele **ALLI**	(22) 11.04.96	Tottenham
17	Fabian **DELPH**	(28) 21.11.89	Manchester City
4	Eric **DIER**	(24) 15.01.94	Tottenham
8	Jordan **HENDERSON**	(27) 17.06.90	Liverpool
7	Jesse **LINGARD**	(25) 15.12.92	Man United
21	Ruben **LOFTUS-CHEEK**	(22) 23.01.96	Chelsea

FORWARDS

9	Harry **KANE**	(24) 28.07.93	Tottenham
19	Marcus **RASHFORD**	(20) 31.10.97	Man United
10	Raheem **STERLING**	(23) 08.12.94	Manchester City
11	Jamie **VARDY**	(31) 11.01.87	Leicester City
14	Danny **WELBECK**	(27) 26.11.90	Arsenal

MANAGER

Gareth **SOUTHGATE** (47) 03.09.70

FRANCE

GOALKEEPERS

23	Alphonse **AREOLA**	(25) 27.02.93	PSG
1	Hugo **LLORIS**	(31) 26.12.86	Tottenham (Eng)
16	Steve **MANDANDA**	(33) 28.03.85	Marseille

DEFENDERS

21	Lucas **HERNANDEZ**	(22) 14.02.96	At Madrid (Spa)
3	Presnel **KIMPEMBE**	(22) 13.08.95	PSG
22	Benjamin **MENDY**	(23) 17.07.94	Man City (Eng)
2	Benjamin **PAVARD**	(22) 28.03.96	Stuttgart (Ger)
17	Adil **RAMI**	(32) 27.12.85	Marseille
19	Djibril **SIDIBE**	(25) 29.07.92	Monaco
5	Samuel **UMTITI**	(24) 14.11.93	Barcelona (Spa)
4	Raphael **VARANE**	(25) 25.04.93	R Madrid (Spa)

MIDFIELDERS

13	N'Golo **KANTE**	(27) 29.03.91	Chelsea (Eng)
14	Blaise **MATUIDI**	(31) 09.04.87	Juventus (Ita)
15	Steven **NZONZI**	(29) 15.12.88	Sevilla (Spa)
6	Paul **POGBA**	(25) 15.03.93	Man United (Eng)
12	Corentin **TOLISSO**	(23) 03.08.94	Bayern M (Ger)

FORWARDS

11	Ousmane **DEMBELE**	(21) 15.05.97	Barcelona (Spa)
18	Nabil **FEKIR**	(24) 18.07.93	Lyon
9	Olivier **GIROUD**	(31) 30.09.86	Chelsea (Eng)
7	Antoine **GRIEZMANN**	(27) 21.03.91	At Madrid (Spa)
8	Thomas **LEMAR**	(22) 12.11.95	Monaco
10	Kylian **MBAPPE**	(19) 20.12.98	PSG
20	Florian **THAUVIN**	(25) 26.01.93	Marseille

COACH

Didier **DESCHAMPS** (49) 15.10.68

GERMANY

GOALKEEPERS

1	Manuel **NEUER**	(32) 27.03.86	Bayern Munich
22	Marc-Andre **TER STEGEN**	(26) 30.04.92	Barca (Spa)
12	Kevin **TRAPP**	(27) 08.07.90	PSG (Fra)

DEFENDERS

17	Jerome **BOATENG**	(29) 03.09.88	Bayern Munich
4	Matthias **GINTER**	(24) 19.01.94	Bor M'gladbach
3	Jonas **HECTOR**	(28) 27.05.90	Cologne
5	Mats **HUMMELS**	(29) 16.12.88	Bayern Munich
18	Joshua **KIMMICH**	(23) 08.02.95	Bayern Munich
2	Marvin **PLATTENHARDT**	(26) 26.01.92	Hertha Berlin
16	Antonio **RUDIGER**	(25) 03.03.93	Chelsea (Eng)
15	Niklas **SULE**	(22) 03.09.95	Bayern Munich

MIDFIELDERS

20	Julian **BRANDT**	(22) 02.05.96	Bayer Leverkusen
7	Julian **DRAXLER**	(24) 20.09.93	PSG (Fra)
14	Leon **GORETZKA**	(23) 06.02.95	Schalke
21	Ilkay **GUNDOGAN**	(27) 24.10.90	Man City (Eng)
6	Sami **KHEDIRA**	(31) 04.04.87	Juventus (Ita)
8	Toni **KROOS**	(28) 04.01.90	R Madrid (Spa)
13	Thomas **MULLER**	(28) 13.09.89	Bayern Munich
10	Mesut **OZIL**	(29) 15.10.88	Arsenal (Eng)
19	Sebastian **RUDY**	(28) 28.02.90	Bayern Munich

FORWARDS

23	Mario **GOMEZ**	(32) 10.07.85	Stuttgart
11	Marco **REUS**	(29) 31.05.89	Bor Dortmund
9	Timo **WERNER**	(22) 06.03.96	RB Leipzig

COACH

Joachim **LOW** (58) 03.02.60

ICELAND

GOALKEEPERS

1	Hannes **HALLDORSSON**	(34) 27.04.84	Randers (Den)
13	Runar Alex **RUNARSSON**	(23) 18.02.95	N'land (Den)
12	Frederik **SCHRAM**	(23) 19.01.95	Roskilde (Den)

DEFENDERS

14	Kari **ARNASON**	(35) 13.10.82	Vikingur
15	Holmar Orn **EYJOLFSSON**	(27) 06.08.90	Levski (Bul)
5	Sverrir Ingi **INGASON**	(24) 05.08.93	Rostov (Rus)
18	Hordur **MAGNUSSON**	(25) 11.02.93	Bristol C (Eng)
2	Birkir Mar **SAEVARSSON**	(33) 11.11.84	Valur
6	Ragnar **SIGURDSSON**	(31) 19.06.86	Rostov (Rus)
23	Ari Freyr **SKULASON**	(31) 14.05.87	Lokeren (Blg)

MIDFIELDERS

8	Birkir **BJARNASON**	(30) 27.05.88	Aston Villa (Eng)
3	Samuel **FRIDJONSSON**	(22) 22.02.96	Valerenga (Nor)
19	Rurik **GISLASON**	(30) 25.02.88	Sandhausen (Ger)
4	Albert **GUDMUNDSSON**	(20) 15.06.97	PSV (Hol)
7	Johann Berg **GUDMUNDSSON**	(27) 27.10.90	Burnley (Eng)
17	Aron **GUNNARSSON**	(29) 22.04.89	Cardiff (Eng)
20	Emil **HALLFREDSSON**	(33) 29.06.84	Udinese (Ita)
10	Gylfi **SIGURDSSON**	(28) 08.09.89	Everton (Eng)
16	Olafur Ingi **SKULASON**	(35) 01.04.83	K'bukspor (Tur)
21	Arnor Ingvi **TRAUSTASON**	(25) 30.04.93	Malmo (Swe)

FORWARDS

22	Jon Dadi **BODVARSSON**	(26) 25.05.92	Reading (Eng)
11	Alfred **FINNBOGASON**	(29) 01.02.89	Augsburg (Ger)
9	Bjorn Bergmann **SIGURDARSON**	(27) 26.02.91	Rostov (Rus)

COACH

Heimir **HALLGRIMSSON** (51) 10.06.67

IRAN

GOALKEEPERS

22	Amir **ABEDZADEH**	(25) 26.04.93	Maritimo (Por)
1	Alireza **BEIRANVAND**	(25) 21.09.92	Persepolis
12	Mohammad **MAZAHERI**	(29) 18.05.89	Zob Ahan

DEFENDERS

4	Rouzbeh **CHESHMI**	(24) 24.07.93	Esteghlal
3	Ehsan **HAJSAFI**	(28) 25.02.90	Olympiacos (Gre)
19	Majid **HOSSEINI**	(21) 20.06.96	Esteghlal
13	Mohammad Reza **KHANZADEH**	(27) 11.05.91	Padideh
5	Milad **MOHAMMADI**	(24) 29.09.93	Grozny (Rus)
15	Pejman **MONTAZERI**	(34) 06.09.83	Esteghlal
8	Morteza **POURALIGANJI**	(26) 19.04.92	Al Sadd (Qat)

MIDFIELDERS

11	Vahid **AMIRI**	(30) 02.04.88	Persepolis
9	Omid **EBRAHIMI**	(30) 16.09.87	Esteghlal
6	Saeid **EZATOLAHI**	(21) 01.10.96	Rostov (Rus)
7	Masoud **SHOJAEI**	(34) 09.06.84	AEK (Gre)
2	Mehdi **TORABI**	(23) 10.09.94	Saipa

FORWAREDS

10	Karim **ANSARIFARD**	(28) 03.04.90	Olympiakos (Gre)
20	Sardar **AZMOUN**	(23) 01.01.95	Rubin Kazan (Rus)
21	Ashkan **DEJAGAH**	(31) 05.07.86	Nottm Forest (Eng)
14	Saman **GHODDOS**	(24) 06.09.93	Ostersund (Swe)
16	Reza **GHOOCHANNEJHAD**	(30) 20.09.87	H'veen (Hol)
18	Alireza **JAHANBAKHSH**	(24) 11.08.93	AZ (Hol)
17	Mehdi **TAREMI**	(25) 18.07.92	Al Gharafa (Qat)

COACH

Carlos **QUEIROZ** (Por) (65) 01.03.53

JAPAN

GOALKEEPERS

12	Masaaki **HIGASHIGUCHI**	(32) 12.05.86	Gamba Osaka
1	Eiji **KAWASHIMA**	(35) 20.03.83	Metz (Fra)
23	Kosuke **NAKAMURA**	(23) 27.02.95	Kashiwa Reysol

DEFENDERS

6	Wataru **ENDO**	(25) 09.02.93	Urawa Reds
20	Tomoaki **MAKINO**	(31) 11.05.87	Urawa Reds
5	Yuto **NAGATOMO**	(31) 12.09.86	Inter (Ita)
21	Gotoku **SAKAI**	(27) 14.03.91	Hamburg (Ger)
19	Hiroki **SAKAI**	(28) 12.04.90	Marseille (Fra)
3	Gen **SHOJI**	(25) 11.12.92	Kashima Antlers
2	Naomichi **UEDA**	(23) 24.10.94	Kashima Antlers
22	Maya **YOSHIDA**	(29) 24.08.88	Southampton (Eng)

MIDFIELDERS

8	Genki **HARAGUCHI**	(27) 09.05.91	F Dusseldorf (Ger)
17	Makoto **HASEBE**	(34) 18.01.84	E Frankfurt (Ger)
4	Keisuke **HONDA**	(32) 13.06.86	Pachuca (Mex)
14	Takashi **INUI**	(30) 02.06.88	Eibar (Spa)
10	Shinji **KAGAWA**	(29) 17.03.89	B Dortmund (Ger)
18	Ryota **OSHIMA**	(25) 23.01.93	Kawasaki Frontale
7	Gaku **SHIBASAKI**	(26) 28.05.92	Getafe (Spa)
11	Takashi **USAMI**	(26) 06.05.92	Augsburg (Ger)
16	Hotaru **YAMAGUCHI**	(27) 06.10.90	Cerezo Osaka

FORWARDS

13	Yoshinori **MUTO**	(25) 15.07.92	Mainz (Ger)
9	Shinji **OKAZAKI**	(32) 16.04.86	Leicester (Eng)
15	Yuya **OSAKO**	(28) 18.05.90	Cologne (Ger)

COACH

Akira **NISHINO** (63) 07.04.55

MEXICO

GOALKEEPERS

1	Jose de Jesus **CORONA**	(37) 26.01.81	Cruz Azul
13	Guillermo **OCHOA**	(32) 13.07.85	Std Liege (Blg)
12	Alfredo **TALAVERA**	(35) 18.09.82	Toluca

DEFENDERS

21	Edson **ALVAREZ**	(20) 24.10.97	America
2	Hugo **AYALA**	(31) 31.03.87	Tigres
16	Hector **HERRERA**	(28) 19.04.90	Porto (Por)
4	Rafael **MARQUEZ**	(39) 13.02.79	Atlas
15	Hector **MORENO**	(30) 17.01.88	Sociedad (Spa)
3	Carlos **SALCEDO**	(24) 29.09.93	E Frankfurt (Ger)

MIDFIELDERS

20	Javier **AQUINO**	(28) 11.02.90	Tigres
17	Jesus Manuel **CORONA**	(25) 06.01.93	Porto (Por)
10	Giovani **DOS SANTOS**	(29) 11.05.89	LA Galaxy (USA)
6	Jonathan **DOS SANTOS**	(28) 26.04.90	LA Galaxy (USA)
23	Jesus **GALLARDO**	(23) 15.08.94	Monterrey
18	Andres **GUARDADO**	(31) 28.09.86	Real Betis (Spa)
5	Erick **GUTIERREZ**	(22) 15.06.95	Pachuca
7	Miguel **LAYUN**	(29) 25.06.88	Porto (Por)

FORWARDS

8	Marco **FABIAN**	(28) 21.07.89	E Frankfurt (Ger)
14	Javier **HERNANDEZ**	(30) 01.06.88	West Ham (Eng)
22	Hirving **LOZANO**	(22) 30.07.95	PSV (Hol)
19	Oribe **PERALTA**	(34) 12.01.84	America
9	Raul **JIMENEZ**	(27) 05.05.91	Benfica (Por)
11	Carlos **VELA**	(29) 01.03.89	Los Angeles (USA)

COACH

Juan Carlos **OSORIO** (Col) (56) 06.08.61

(Age as of 14.06.18)

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MOROCCO

GOALKEEPERS
1 Yassine **BOUNOU** (27) 05.04.91 Girona (Spa)
12 **MUNIR** (29) 10.05.89 Numancia (Spa)
22 Ahmed Reda **TAGNAOUTI** (22) 05.04.96 Wydad

DEFENDERS
5 Medhi **BENATIA** (31) 17.04.87 Juventus (Ita)
4 Manuel **DA COSTA** (32) 06.05.86 Istanbul B (Tur)
17 Nabil **DIRAR** (32) 25.02.86 Fenerbahce (Tur)
2 Achraf **HAKIMI** (19) 04.11.98 R Madrid (Spa)
3 Hamza **MENDYL** (20) 21.10.97 Lille (Fra
6 Romain **SAISS** (28) 26.03.90 Wolves (Eng)

MIDFIELDERS
15 Youssef **AIT BENNASSER** (21) 07.07.96 Monaco (Fra)
16 Nordin **AMRABAT** (31) 31.03.87 Watford (Eng)
21 Sofyan **AMRABAT** (21) 21.08.96 Feyenoord (Hol)
10 Younes **BELHANDA** (28) 25.02.90 Galatasaray (Tur)
14 Mbark **BOUSSOUFA** (33) 15.08.84 Al Jazira (UAE)
23 Mehdi **CARCELA** (28) 01.07.89 Granada (Spa)
8 Karim **EL AHMADI** (33) 27.01.85 Feyenoord (Hol)
11 Faycal **FAJR** (29) 01.08.88 Getafe (Spa)
18 Amine **HARIT** (20) 18.06.97 Schalke (Ger)
7 Hakim **ZIYECH** (25) 19.03.93 Ajax (Hol)

FORWARDS
20 Aziz **BOUHADDOUZ** (31) 30.03.87 St Pauli (Ger)
13 Khalid **BOUTAIB** (31) 24.04.87 Yeni Malatyaspor (Tur)
9 Ayoub **EL KAABI** (24) 25.06.93 RS Berkane
19 Youssef **EN-NESYRI** (21) 01.06.97 Malaga (Spa)

COACH
Herve **RENARD** (Fra) (49) 30.09.68

NIGERIA

GOALKEEPERS
16 Daniel **AKPEYI** (32) 08.03.86 Chippa United (SAf)
1 Ikechukwu **EZENWA** (24) 16.10.88 Enyimba (Nga)
23 Francis **UZOHO** (19) 28.10.98 Dep La Coruna (Spa)

DEFENDERS
12 Shehu **ABDULLAHI** (25) 12.03.93 Bursaspor (Tur)
20 Chidozie **AWAZIEM** (21) 01.01.97 Porto (Por)
6 Leon **BALOGUN** (29) 28.06.88 Brighton (Eng)
21 Tyronne **EBUEHI** (22) 16.12.95 Benfica (Por)
3 Elderson **ECHIEJILE** (30) 20.01.88 Monaco (Fra)
2 Brian **IDOWU** (26) 18.05.92 Amkar Perm (Rus)
22 Kenneth **OMERUO** (24) 17.10.93 Chelsea (Eng)
5 William **TROOST-EKONG** (24) 01.09.93 Bursaspor (Tur)

MIDFIELDERS
8 Oghenekaro **ETEBO** (22) 09.11.95 Stoke City (Eng)
10 John Obi **MIKEL** (31) 22.04.87 Tianjin TEDA (Chn)
4 Wilfred **NDIDI** (21) 16.12.96 Leicester (Eng)
15 Joel **OBI** (27) 22.05.91 Torino (Ita)
19 John **OGU** (30) 20.04.88 Hapoel Be'er Sheva (Isr)
17 Ogenyi **ONAZI** (25) 25.12.92 Trabzonspor (Tur)

FORWARDS
9 Odion **IGHALO** (28) 16.06.89 Changchun Yatai (Chn)
14 Kelechi **IHEANACHO** (22) 10.03.96 Leicester (Eng)
18 Alex **IWOBI** (22) 03.05.96 Arsenal (Eng)
11 Victor **MOSES** (27) 12.12.90 Chelsea (Eng)
7 Ahmed **MUSA** (25) 14.10.92 Leicester (Eng)
13 Simeon **NWANKWO** (26) 07.05.92 Crotone (Ita)

COACH
Gernot **ROHR** (Ger) (64) 28.06.53

PANAMA

GOALKEEPERS
12 Jose **CALDERON** (32) 14.08.85 Chorrillo
1 Jaime **PENEDO** (36) 26.09.81 D Bucharest (Rom)
22 Alex **RODRIGUEZ** (27) 05.08.90 San Francisco

DEFENDERS
23 Felipe **BALOY** (37) 24.02.81 Municipal (Gtm)
3 Harold **CUMMINGS** (26) 01.03.92 San Jose (USA)
15 Erick **DAVIS** (27) 31.03.91 Dunajska Streda (Slk)
4 Fidel **ESCOBAR** (23) 09.01.95 Sp San Miguelito
13 Adolfo **MACHADO** (33) 14.02.85 Houston D (USA)
2 Michael Amir **MURILLO** (22) 11.02.96 NYRB (USA)
17 Luis **OVALLE** (29) 07.09.88 Olimpia (Hon)
5 Roman **TORRES** (32) 20.03.86 Seattle (USA)

MIDFIELDERS
19 Ricardo **AVILA** (21) 04.02.97 Gent (Blg)
8 Edgar **BARCENAS** (24) 23.10.93 Arabe Unido
11 Armando **COOPER** (30) 26.11.87 Uni de Chile (Chl)
20 Anibal **GODOY** (28) 10.02.90 San Jose (USA)
6 Gabriel **GOMEZ** (34) 29.05.84 At Bucaramanga (Col)
14 Valentin **PIMENTEL** (27) 30.05.91 Plaza Amador
21 Jose Luis **RODRIGUEZ** (19) 19.06.98 Gent (Blg)

FORWARDS
16 Abdiel **ARROYO** (24) 13.12.93 Alajuelense (CR)
10 Ismael **DIAZ** (21) 12.05.97 Dep Fabril (Spa)
7 Blas **PEREZ** (37) 13.03.81 Municipal (Gtm)
18 Luis **TEJADA** (36) 28.03.82 Sport Boys (Per)
9 Gabriel **TORRES** (29) 31.10.88 Huachipato (Chl)

COACH
Hernan Dario **GOMEZ** (Col) (62) 03.02.56

PERU

GOALKEEPERS
12 Carlos **CACEDA** (26) 27.09.91 Veracruz (Mex)
21 Jose **CARVALLO** (32) 01.03.86 UTC
1 Pedro **GALLESE** (28) 23.02.90 Veracruz (Mex)

DEFENDERS
17 Luis **ADVINCULA** (28) 02.03.90 Tigres (Mex)
5 Miguel **ARAUJO** (23) 24.10.94 Alianza Lima
3 Aldo **CORZO** (29) 20.05.89 Universitario
22 Nilson **LOYOLA** (23) 26.10.94 Melgar
15 Christian **RAMOS** (29) 04.11.88 Veracruz (Mex)
2 Alberto **RODRIGUEZ** (34) 31.03.84 At Junior (Col)
4 Anderson **SANTAMARIA** (26) 10.01.92 Puebla (Mex)
6 Miguel **TRAUCO** (25) 25.08.92 Flamengo (Bra)

MIDFIELDERS
23 Pedro **AQUINO** (23) 13.04.95 Monterrey (Mex)
16 Wilder **CARTAGENA** (23) 23.09.94 Veracruz (Mex)
8 Christian **CUEVA** (26) 23.11.91 Sao Paulo (Bra)
7 Paolo **HURTADO** (27) 27.07.90 Guimaraes (Por)
14 Andy **POLO** (23) 29.09.94 Morelia (Mex)
13 Renato **TAPIA** (22) 28.07.95 Feyenoord (Hol)
19 Yoshimar **YOTUN** (28) 07.04.90 Orlando C (USA)

FORWARDS
18 Andre **CARRILLO** (27) 14.06.91 Benfica (Por)
10 Jefferson **FARFAN** (33) 26.10.84 L Moscow (Rus)
20 Edison **FLORES** (24) 14.05.94 AaB (Den)
9 Paolo **GUERRERO** (34) 01.01.84 Flamengo (Bra)
11 Raul **RUIDIAZ** (27) 25.07.90 Morelia (Mex)

COACH
Ricardo **GARECA** (Arg) (60) 10.02.58

POLAND

GOALKEEPERS
12 Bartosz **BIAOKOWSKI** (30) 06.07.87 Ipswich (Eng)
22 Lukasz **FABIANSKI** (33) 18.04.85 Swansea (Eng)
1 Wojciech **SZCZESNY** (28) 18.04.90 Juventus (Ita)

DEFENDERS
5 Jan **BEDNAREK** (22) 12.04.96 Southampton (Eng)
18 Bartosz **BERESZYNSKI** (25) 12.07.92 Sampdoria (Ita)
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3 Artur **JEDRZEJCZYK** (30) 04.11.87 Legia Warsaw
2 Michal **PAZDAN** (30) 21.09.87 Legia Warsaw
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16 Jakub **BLASZCZYKOWSKI** (32) 14.12.85 Wolfsburg (Ger)
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11 Kamil **GROSICKI** (30) 08.06.88 Hull City (Eng)
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21 Rafal **KURZAWA** (25) 29.01.93 Gornik Zabrze
8 Karol **LINETTY** (23) 02.02.95 Sampdoria (Ita)
17 Slawomir **PESZKO** (33) 19.02.85 Lechia Gdansk
13 Maciej **RYBUS** (28) 19.08.89 Lok Moscow (Rus)
19 Piotr **ZIELINSKI** (24) 20.05.94 Napoli (Ita)

FORWARDS
23 Dawid **KOWNACKI** (21) 14.03.97 Sampdoria (Ita)
9 Robert **LEWANDOWSKI** (29) 21.08.88 Bayern (Ger)
7 Arkadiusz **MILIK** (24) 28.02.94 Napoli (Ita)
14 Lukasz **TEODORCZYK** (27) 03.06.91 Anderlecht (Blg)

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12 Anthony **LOPES** (27) 01.10.90 Lyon (Fra)
1 Rui **PATRICIO** (30) 15.02.88 Sporting

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2 Bruno **ALVES** (36) 27.11.81 Rangers (Sco)
13 Ruben **DIAS** (21) 14.05.97 Benfica
6 Jose **FONTE** (34) 22.12.83 Dalian Yifang (Chn)
5 Raphael **GUERREIRO** (24) 22.12.93 B Dortmund (Ger)
19 Mario **RUI** (27) 27.05.91 Roma (Ita)
3 **PEPE** (35) 26.02.83 Besiktas (Tur)
15 Ricardo **PEREIRA** (24) 06.10.93 Porto
21 Cedric **SOARES** (26) 31.08.91 Southampton (Eng)

MIDFIELDERS
14 William **CARVALHO** (26) 07.04.92 Sporting
16 Bruno **FERNANDES** (23) 08.09.94 Sporting
4 Manuel **FERNANDES** (32) 05.02.86 L Moscow (Rus)
10 **JOAO MARIO** (25) 19.01.93 Inter (Ita)
8 Joao **MOUTINHO** (31) 08.09.86 Monaco (Fra)
23 Adrien **SILVA** (29) 15.03.89 Leicester (Eng)
11 Bernardo **SILVA** (23) 10.08.94 Man City (Eng)

FORWARDS
17 Goncalo **GUEDES** (21) 29.11.96 PSG (Fra)
18 Gelson **MARTINS** (23) 11.05.95 Sporting
20 Ricardo **QUARESMA** (34) 26.09.83 Besiktas (Tur)
7 Cristiano **RONALDO** (33) 05.02.85 R Madrid (Spa)
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20 Vladimir **GABULOV** (34) 19.10.83 Club Brugge (Blg)
12 Andrey **LUNYOV** (26) 13.11.91 Zenit

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2 Mario **FERNANDES** (27) 19.09.90 CSKA Moscow
14 Vladimir **GRANAT** (31) 22.05.87 Rubin Kazan
4 Sergei **IGNASHEVICH** (38) 14 .07.79 CSKA Moscow
13 Fyodor **KUDRYASHOV** (31) 05.04.87 Rubin Kazan
3 Ilya **KUTEPOV** (24) 29.07.93 Spartak Moscow
5 Andrei **SEMYONOV** (29) 24.03.89 Akhmat Grozny
23 Igor **SMOLNIKOV** (29) 08.08.88 Zenit
18 Yuri **ZHIRKOV** (34) 20.08.83 Zenit

MIDFIELDERS
6 Denis **CHERYSHEV** (27) 26.12.90 Villarreal (Spa)
9 Alan **DZAGOEV** (27) 17.06.90 CSKA Moscow
8 Yury **GAZINSKY** (28) 20.07.89 Krasnodar
17 Aleksandr **GOLOVIN** (22) 30.05.96 CSKA Moscow
7 Daler **KUZYAYEV** (25) 15.01.93 Zenit
15 Aleksei **MIRANCHUK** (22) 17.10.95 Loko Moscow
16 Anton **MIRANCHUK** (22) 17.10.95 Loko Moscow
19 Aleksandr **SAMEDOV** (33) 19.07.84 Spartak Moscow
21 Aleksandr **YEROKHIN** (28) 13.10.89 Zenit
11 Roman **ZOBNIN** (24) 11.02.94 Spartak Moscow

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22 Artem **DZYUBA** (29) 22.08.88 Zenit
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21 Yasser **AL MOSAILEM** (34) 27.02.84 Al Ahli
22 Mohammed **AL OWAIS** (26) 10.10.91 Al Ahli

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6 Mohammed **AL BREIK** (25) 15.09.92 Al Hilal
4 Ali **AL BULAIHI** (28) 21.11.89 Al Hilal
2 Mansoor **AL HARBI** (30) 19.10.87 Al Ahli
13 Yasser **AL SHAHRANI** (26) 25.05.92 Al Hilal
23 Motaz **HAWSAWI** (26) 17.02.92 Al Ahli
5 Omar **HAWSAWI** (32) 27.09.85 Al Nassr
3 Osama **HAWSAWI** (34) 31.03.84 Al Hilal

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7 Salman **AL FARAJ** (28) 01.08.89 Al Hilal
17 Taisir **AL JASSIM** (33) 25.07.84 Al Ahli
15 Abdullah **AL KHAIBARI** (21) 16.08.96 Al Shabab
11 Abdulmalek **AL KHAIBRI** (32) 13.03.86 Al Hilal
16 Housain **AL MOGAHWI** (30) 24.03.88 Al Ahli
8 Yahya **AL SHEHRI** (27) 26.06.90 Al Nassr
9 Hattan **BAHEBRI** (25) 16.07.92 Al Shabab
12 Mohamed **KANNO** (23) 22.09.94 Al Hilal
14 Abdullah **OTAYF** (25) 03.08.92 Al Hilal

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19 Fahad **AL MUWALLAD** (23) 14.09.94 Al Ittihad
10 Mohammad **AL SAHLAWI** (31) 10.01.87 Al Nassr
20 Muhannad **ASSIRI** (31) 14.10.86 Al Ahli

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23 Alfred **GOMIS** (24) 05.09.93 Torino (Ita)
16 Khadim **N'DIAYE** (33) 05.04.85 Horoya (Gui)

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21 Lamine **GASSAMA** (28) 20.10.89 Alanyaspor (Tur)
3 Kalidou **KOULIBALY** (26) 20.06.91 Napoli (Ita)
2 Adama **MBENGUE** (24) 01.12.93 Caen (Fra)
4 Kara **MBODJI** (28) 22.11.89 Anderlecht (Blg)
12 Youssouf **SABALY** (25) 05.03.93 Bordeaux (Fra)
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8 Cheikhou **KOUYATE** (28) 21.12.89 West Ham (Eng)
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11 Cheikh **N'DOYE** (32) 29 .03.86 Birmingham C (Eng)
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14 Moussa **KONATE** (25) 03.04.93 Amiens (Fra)
10 Sadio **MANE** (26) 10.04.92 Liverpool (Eng)
19 M'Baye **NIANG** (23) 19.12.94 Milan (Ita)
15 Diafra **SAKHO** (28) 24.12.89 Rennes (Fra)
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7 Moussa **SOW** (32) 19.01.86 Shabab Al Ahli (UAE)

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12 Predrag **RAJKOVIC** (22) 31.10.95 Mac Tel Aviv (Isr)
1 Vladimir **STOJKOVIC** (34) 28.07.83 Partizan

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6 Branislav **IVANOVIC** (34) 22.02.84 Zenit (Rus)
11 Aleksandar **KOLAROV** (32) 10.11.85 Roma (Ita)
15 Nikola **MILENKOVIC** (20) 12.10.97 Fiorentina (Ita)
14 Milan **RODIC** (27) 02.04.91 Red Star
2 Antonio **RUKAVINA** (34) 26 .01.84 Villarreal (Spa)
5 Uros **SPAJIC** (25) 13.02.93 Krasnodar (Rus)
3 Dusko **TOSIC** (33) 19.01.85 Besiktas (Tur)
13 Milos **VELJKOVIC** (22) 26.09.95 W Bremen (Ger)

MIDFIELDERS

16 Marko **GRUJIC** (22) 13.04.96 Liverpool (Eng)
17 Filip **KOSTIC** (25) 01.11.92 Hamburg (Ger)
22 Adem **LJAJIC** (26) 29.09.91 Torino (Ita)
21 Nemanja **MATIC** (29) 01.08.88 Man United (Eng)
20 Sergej **MILINKOVIC-SAVIC** (23) 27.02.95 Lazio (Ita)
4 Luka **MILIVOJEVIC** (27) 07.04.91 C Palace (Eng)
10 Dusan **TADIC** (29) 20.11.88 Southampton (Eng)
7 Andrija **ZIVKOVIC** (21) 11.07.96 Benfica (Por)

FORWARDS

19 Luka **JOVIC** (20) 23.12.97 Benfica (Por)
9 Aleksandar **MITROVIC** (23) 16.09.94 Newcastle (Eng)
8 Aleksandar **PRIJOVIC** (28) 21.04.90 PAOK (Gre)
18 Nemanja **RADONJIC** (22) 15.02.96 Roma (Ita)

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21 **KIM** Jin-hyeon (30) 06.07.87 Cerezo Osaka (Jap)
1 **KIM** Seung-gyu (27) 30.09.90 Vissel Kobe (Jap)

DEFENDERS

22 **GO** Yo-han (30) 10.03.88 Seoul
14 **HONG** Chul (27) 17.09.90 Suwon Bluewings
20 **JANG** Hyun-soo (26) 28.09.91 Tokyo (Jap)
3 **JUNG** Seung-hyun (24) 03.04.94 Sagan Tosu (Jap)
12 **KIM** Min-woo (28) 25.02.90 Suwon Bluewings
19 **KIM** Young-gwon (28) 27.02.90 Guangzhou Ev (Chn)
2 **LEE** Yong (31) 24.12.86 Jeonbuk Motors
4 **OH** Ban-suk (30) 20.05.88 Jeju United
6 **PARK** Joo-ho (31) 16.01.87 Ulsan Hyundai
5 **YUN** Young-sun (29) 04.10.88 Seongnam

MIDFIELDERS

8 **JU** Se-jong (27) 30.10.90 Seoul
15 **JUNG** Woo-young (28) 14.12.89 Vissel Kobe (Jap)
16 **KI** Sung-yueng (29) 24.01.89 Swansea City (Eng)
13 **KOO** Ja-cheol (29) 27.02.89 Augsburg (Ger)
17 **LEE** Jae-sung (25) 10.08.92 Hyundai Motors
10 **LEE** Seung-woo (20) 06.01.98 Verona (Ita)
18 **MOON** Seon-min (26) 09.06.92 Incheon United

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11 **HWANG** Hee-chan (22) 26.01.96 RB Salzburg (Aut)
9 **KIM** Shin-wook (30) 14.04.88 Jeonbuk Motors
7 **SON** Heung-min (25) 08.07.92 Tottenham (Eng)

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1 David **DE GEA** (27) 07.11.90 Man United (Eng)
23 Pepe **REINA** (35) 31.08.82 Napoli (Ita)

DEFENDERS

18 Jordi **ALBA** (29) 21.03.89 Barcelona
14 Cesar **AZPILICUETA** (28) 28.08.89 Chelsea (Eng)
2 Dani **CARVAJAL** (26) 11.01.92 Real Madrid
16 Nacho **MONREAL** (32) 26.02.86 Arsenal (Eng)
4 **NACHO** (28) 18.01.90 Real Madrid
12 Alvaro **ODRIOZOLA** (22) 14.12.95 Real Sociedad
3 Gerard **PIQUE** (31) 02.02.87 Barcelona
15 Sergio **RAMOS** (32) 30.03.86 Real Madrid

MIDFIELDERS

20 Marco **ASENSIO** (22) 21.01.96 Real Madrid
5 Sergio **BUSQUETS** (29) 16 .07.88 Barcelona
6 Andres **INIESTA** (34) 11.05.84 Barcelona
22 **ISCO** (26) 21.04.92 Real Madrid
8 **KOKE** (26) 08.01.92 Atletico Madrid
7 **SAUL** Niguez (23) 21.11.94 Atletico Madrid
10 **THIAGO** Alcantara (27) 11.04.91 Bayern M (Ger)

FORWARDS

17 Iago **ASPAS** (30) 01.08.87 Celta Vigo
19 Diego **COSTA** (29) 07.10.88 Atletico Madrid
9 **RODRIGO** (27) 06.03.91 Valencia
21 David **SILVA** (32) 08.01.86 Man City (Eng)
11 Lucas **VAZQUEZ** (26) 01.07.91 Real Madrid

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SWEDEN

GOALKEEPERS

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23 Kristoffer **NORDFELDT** (28) 23.06.89 Swansea (Eng)
1 Robin **OLSEN** (28) 08.01.90 Copenhagen (Den)

DEFENDERS

6 Ludwig **AUGUSTINSSON** (24) 21.04.94 Bremen (Ger)
4 Andreas **GRANQVIST** (33) 16.04.85 Krasnodar (Rus)
14 Filip **HELANDER** (25) 22.04.93 Bologna (Ita)
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16 Emil **KRAFTH** (23) 02.08.94 Bologna (Ita)
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2 Mikael **LUSTIG** (31) 13.12.86 Celtic (Sco)
5 Martin **OLSSON** (30) 17.05.88 Swansea (Eng)

MIDFIELDERS

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21 Jimmy **DURMAZ** (29) 22.03.89 Toulouse (Fra)
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FORWARDS

9 Marcus **BERG** (31) 17.08.86 Al Ain (UAE)
11 John **GUIDETTI** (26) 15.04.92 Alaves (Spa)
22 Isaac **KIESE THELIN** (25) 24.06.92 Anderlecht (Blg)
20 Ola **TOIVONEN** (31) 03.07.86 Toulouse (Fra)

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21 Roman **BURKI** (27) 14.11.90 B Dortmund (Ger)
12 Yvon **MVOGO** (24) 06.06.94 RB Leipzig (Ger)
1 Yann **SOMMER** (29) 17.12.88 Borussia MG (Ger)

DEFENDERS

5 Manuel **AKANJI** (22) 19.07.95 B Dortmund (Ger)
20 Johan **DJOUROU** (31) 18.01.87 Antalyaspor (Tur)
4 Nico **ELVEDI** (21) 30.09.96 B M'gladbach (Ger)
6 Michael **LANG** (27) 08.02.91 Basle
2 Stephan **LICHTSTEINER** (34) 16.01.84 Arsenal (Eng)
3 Francois **MOUBANDJE** (27) 21.06.90 Toulouse (Fra)
13 Ricardo **RODRIGUEZ** (25) 25.08.92 Milan (Ita)
22 Fabian **SCHAR** (26) 20.12.91 Dep La Coruna (Spa)

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11 Valon **BEHRAMI** (33) 19.04.85 Udinese (Ita)
15 Blerim **DZEMAILI** (32) 12.04.86 Bologna (Ita)
16 Gelson **FERNANDES** (31) 02.09.86 E Frankfurt (Ger)
8 Remo **FREULER** (26) 15.04.92 Atalanta (Ita)
23 Xherdan **SHAQIRI** (26) 10.10.91 Stoke City (Eng)
10 Granit **XHAKA** (25) 27.09.92 Arsenal (Eng)
17 Denis **ZAKARIA** (21) 20.11.96 Borussia MG (Ger)
14 Steven **ZUBER** (26) 17.08.91 Hoffenheim (Ger)

FORWARDS

19 Josip **DRMIC** (25) 08.08.92 Borussia MG (Ger)
7 Breel **EMBOLO** (21) 14.02.97 Schalke (Ger)
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22 Mouez **HASSEN** (23) 05.03.95 Nice (Fra)
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DEFENDERS

6 Rami **BEDOUI** (28) 19.01.90 Etoile du Sahel
2 Syam **BEN YOUSSEF** (29) 31.03.89 Kasimpasa (Tur)
3 Yohan **BENALOUANE** (31) 28.03.87 Leicester (Eng)
11 Dylan **BRONN** (22) 19.06.95 Gent (Blg)
5 Oussama **HADDADI** (26) 28.01.92 Dijon (Fra)
12 Ali **MAALOUL** (28) 01.01.90 Al Ahly (Egy)
4 Yassine **MERIAH** (24) 02.07.93 CS Sfaxien (Tun)
21 Hamdi **NAGGUEZ** (25) 28.10.92 Zamalek (Egy)

MIDFIELDERS

9 Anice **BADRI** (27) 18.09.90 Esperance
14 Mohamed Amine **BEN AMOR** (26) 03.05.92 Etoile DS
13 Ferjani **SASSI** (26) 18.03.92 Al Nassr (Sau)
17 Ellyes **SKHIRI** (23) 10.06.95 Montpellier (Fra)

FORWARDS

8 Fakhreddine **BEN YOUSSEF** (26) 23.06.91 Al Ettifaq (Sau)
20 Ghailene **CHAALALI** (24) 28.02.94 Esperance
19 Saber **KHALIFA** (31) 14.10.86 Club Africain
15 Ahmed **KHALIL** (23) 21.12.94 Club Africain
7 Saif-Eddine **KHAOUI** (23) 27.04.95 Marseille (Fra)
10 Wahbi **KHAZRI** (27) 08.02.91 Rennes (Fra)
23 Naim **SLITI** (25) 27.07.92 Lille (Fra)
18 Bassem **SRARFI** (20) 25.06.97 Nice (Fra)

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12 Martin **CAMPANA** (29) 29.05.89 Independiente (Arg)
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23 Martin **SILVA** (35) 25.03.83 Vasco da Gama (Bra)

DEFENDERS

22 Martin **CACERES** (31) 07.04.87 Lazio (Ita)
19 Sebastian **COATES** (27) 07.10.90 Sporting (Por)
2 Jose **GIMENEZ** (23) 20.01.95 Atl Madrid (Spa)
3 Diego **GODIN** (32) 16.02.86 At Madrid (Spa)
16 Maxi **PEREIRA** (34) 08.06.84 Porto (Por)
13 Gaston **SILVA** (24) 05.03.94 Independiente (Arg)
4 Guillermo **VARELA** (25) 24.03.93 Penarol

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6 Rodrigo **BENTANCUR** (20) 25.06.97 Juventus (Ita)
10 Giorgian **DE ARRASCAETA** (24) 01.06.94 Cruzeiro (Bra)
17 Diego **LAXALT** (25) 07.02.93 Genoa (Ita)
8 Nahitan **NANDEZ** (22) 28.12.95 Boca Juniors (Arg)
7 Cristian **RODRIGUEZ** (32) 30.09.85 Penarol
5 Carlos **SANCHEZ** (33) 02.12.84 Monterrey (Mex)
14 Lucas **TORREIRA** (22) 11.02.96 Sampdoria (Ita)
15 Matias **VECINO** (26) 24.08.91 Inter (Ita)

FORWARDS

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